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THE MYSTERIOUS HAGIWARA CONFESSES TO URU, BUT WHAT IS HE REALLY UP TO? WHAT LIES IN THE DARKNESS OF URU'S PAST? ALSO, WILL SHINDOU-SAN EVER MEET HIS MOTHER, CHITOSE? AS THE TRUTH UNWINDS, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN URU AND HER TWO FRIENDS SHINDOU AND ICHIROU BEGINS TO GO THROUGH SOME CHANGES. SHIAWASE KISSA SANCHOUME COMES TO AN END IN THIS EMOTIONAL FINAL VOLUME. JOIN URU AS SHE FINALLY REACHES HER DESTINATION FOR HAPPINESS AND LOVE.

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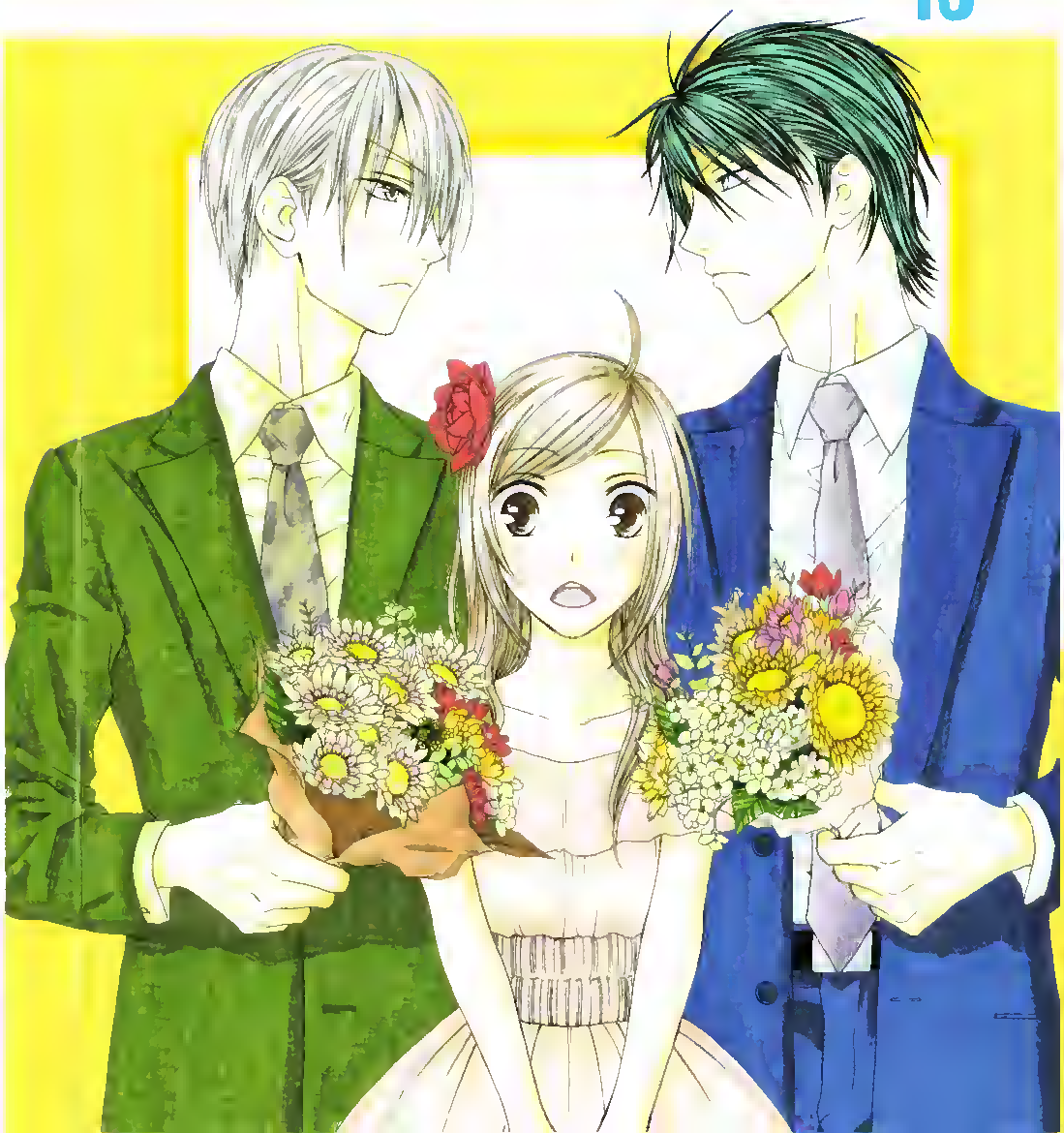

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MINE AND URU'S HONEY-MOON WILL BE COVERED IN "SHIAWASE KISSA 3-CHOUME 2!"
STAY TUNED!
WE'RE GETTING MARRIED!
WHAT? SINCE WHEN?!
!?
THAT IS NOT TRUE!

SHIAWASE KISSA 3-CHOUME

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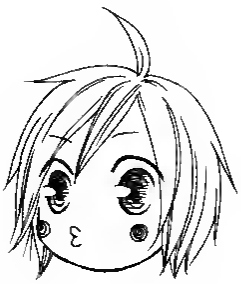
who can save me.
But he is the only one
Although it's like this,
the world will continue to turn.



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CHAPTER 77

Mr. Shindou Satsuki
Account Number *11
!
I'VE FINALLY SAVED UP ENOUGH MONEY...
SATSUKI, YOU CAN GO SHOWER
OH...!
YOU'VE FINISHED SAVING UP?
PRETTY MUCH
BUT THEY SAID YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE MONEY---
HOW CAN I DO THAT?
.....

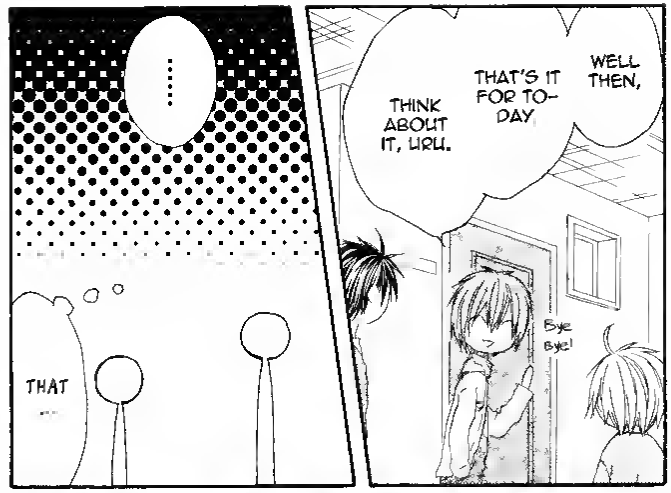
YOU'RE SO STUBBORN IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY...
.....
SINCE HE WAS YOUNG, HE STARTED SAVING UP MONEY
AND HE NEVER EVEN LET ME GIVE HIM A SINGLE CENT.
...STUDYING OVER SEAS,
IS YOUR DREAM.
YOU MADE THE EFFORT TO ASK YOUR FRIEND
TO LET ME STUDY AT HIS SCHOOL THAT'S ALREADY ENOUGH.
THE FACT THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP ME LIKE THIS,
I'M VERY THANKFUL.
.....!!
TEARS OF JOY!

But from the very beginning,
he seems to be set on getting near Takamura.
NO
It's not like that, ...right?
W-Why are you crying again?!
It's not like I'm leaving right away!
AH?
...YOU'RE RIGHT
URU-CHAN SAID HE WENT OVER TO HER PLACE, RIGHT?
BESIDES, THAT NEW GUY HASN'T EVEN COME BY TO GREET US YET.
HE'S HOLDING A GRUDGE
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES HE HASN'T VISITED,
Not only that...
IT FEELS A LITTLE STRANGE
HE'S EVEN SAYING IT OUT LOUD!

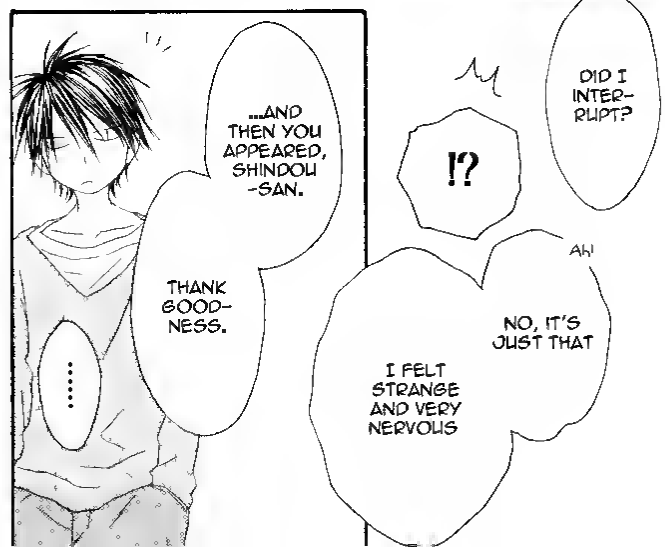
Hello! I'm Hashiwara!
Please support me!
Speaking of candidates...
I HAVEN'T VOTED YET...
I'm sorry.
WHAT I MEAN IS...
I WANT TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR BEING YOUR "MOST IMPORTANT PERSON"!
"Can I... be considered as a candidate?"
UM...
THUMP
...What's going on?
YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T COME ACROSS THIS YET, RIGHT?
PEOPLE OFTEN SAY THAT YOU'RE A LITTLE SLOW RIGHT?
I THINK...
No way!

FLINCH!
!
"So it's you?"
...I still feel like something's not right...
OPENS
HEY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING IN FRONT OF PEOPLE'S HOUSES?

I'M FLIRTING, OF COURSE
.....
STEP
It's Shindou -san...!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S OBVIOUS
SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT
Can't you tell?
!
THIS GIRL
ISN'T A TOY FOR YOU TO PLAY WITH.
DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M PLAY-ING AROUND?


THAT ...
THINK ABOUT IT, URU.
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY
WELL THEN,
Bye Bye!

!
SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.
I'M
UM...
What the hell was that?
STARTLED ME...
I HAD A BAD FEELING SO I CAME OUTSIDE...


...AND THEN YOU APPEARED, SHINDOU -SAN.
THANK GOOD-NESS.
!?
DID I INTER-RUPT?
Ah!
NO, IT'S JUST THAT
I FELT STRANGE AND VERY NERVOUS

CLOOSES
I'M FINE!
GOOD NIGHT!
!
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU DON'T LOOK VERY WELL
The words he said just now, even though they sounded very gentle
EH?
WHAT'S WRONG, URUPPE?
OH...
I DIDN'T SLEEP VERY WELL LAST NIGHT.
WHAT?!
But how come I feel like...
Yay~
Class is finally done!
Hagiwara-san...

PRESIDENT AIZAWA!
WHAT?!
!!
ARIMOTO, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO LAZE AROUND AGAIN. YOU CAN'T DO THAT.
DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP IN THE INFIRMARY FOR A LITTLE BIT?
NO, IT'S OKAY! WE GET TO GO HOME SOON ANYWAY
I'll be okay.
TAKAMURA, ARE YOU OKAY?
DOES YOUR HEAD HURT?
I overheard you both talking
HM? OH, I'M ALRIGHT IT'S NOT THAT EXTREME
YOU SLEEP TOO MUCH, ARIMOTO
How can you sleep in class too?
You silly girl!
URUPPE, YOU CAN'T! YOU SHOULD SNEAK IN SOME SLEEP DURING CLASS!
EH? WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ARIMOTO-CHAN?
TO THE BATHROOM!
Ha! Ha!
YOU TWO REALLY GET ALONG!
HAVE YOU GUYS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS?
YEAH, BUT I WOULDN'T SAY THAT WE GET ALONG WELL.
HOWEVER, WHEN I FIRST MET ARIMOTO SHE LOVED TO SLEEP DURING CLASS
HAHA!
I WAS JUST PASSING BY
YOU IDIOT! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS GO AGAINST ME?!
THEN JUST KEEP WALKING NEXT TIME, YOU IDIOT!
Hurry up and get out of here! And don't come back!
WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE, ANYWAY?!

WHY DON'T YOU CONFESS TO HER?
!!
I...!
ONE DAY...
Hmm.
HOW CUTE
BUT I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT.

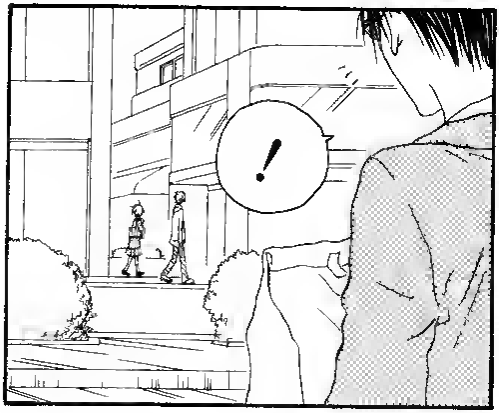
Falling in love
is this kind of feeling.
Ha! Ha!
I THINK YOU TWO WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER!
....That's exactly how it is!
It feels so warm.

I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE I COULD SEE YOU,
SO I WAITED HERE.
Why are you at my school?!
HAGIWARA-SAN?!
Ah...
I WENT FOR A WALK AND SAW SOMEONE WITH YOUR UNIFORM
HELLO, URU.
.....
Like a puppy.
I NEED TO APOLOGIZE
FOR LAST NIGHT.
I WAS
TOO IMPATIENT.
I...
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T REMEMBER.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THOSE THINGS TO YOU.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
.....

Donut
THANK YOU FOR COMING!
TAP

I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT MY DAD
,,,BUT
IT WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE I WAS SO YOUNG
LET'S TAKE A WALK TOGETHER!
CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT MY DAD?

PLEASE?
TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOU TOO, HAGIWARA -SAN!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ISN'T THAT URU?
AND..
Donut
...?
!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHO IS THAT MAN...?
WHAT?!
IS..
IS THAT TRUE?!
YEP!
WHY WOULD I LIE TO YOU?
I AM 31 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR.
You can't tell at all!

...AH?
YOU DON'T NEED TO GO TO WORK?
DON'T WORRY.
I'M NOT WORKING AT THE MOMENT
IT'S ALREADY BEEN 14 YEARS.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG.
WHEN I WAS AT YOUR AGE,
HIROSHI -SAN PASSED AWAY.
AS LONG AS I ASK MY "FATHER" FOR MONEY, I CAN HAVE AS MUCH AS I WANT.
...BESIDES, I DON'T NEED THE MONEY.
WILL YOU JUDGE ME?
HUH?
NOT AT ALL.
.....

WHEN I MET YOUR FATHER,
IT WAS HIROSHI -SAN WHO SAVED ME.
THEY WERE ALWAYS HIDING ME AWAY,
THIS IS MY REBEL-LION
AGAINST MY FATHER.
BECAUSE
AND THUS, MY LIFE AND EXISTENCE,
THE WORDS HE SPOKE TO ME BACK THEN,
BECAUSE FOR A PER-SON WITH SUCH HIGH STATUS,
TO ME, THEY ARE PRICELESS TREASURES.
SEEMED MEANINGLESS.
HE WOULDN'T WANT SOCIETY TO KNOW ABOUT HIS ILLEGITIMATE SON...

Slowly,
the pain inside my heart
began to spread like wildfire.
DURING THESE DAYS,
.....
SO...
SINCE HE DIED,
I'VE BEEN LIVING LIKE AN EMPTY SHELL
UNTIL NOW,
I FELT THAT
.....
I COULD NOT KEEP LIVING LIKE THAT.
IN THAT MAGA-ZINE,
I REALIZED AND DECIDED THAT I NEEDED TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP.
WHEN I SAW YOUR SMILING FACE,

THANK YOU, URU.
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
ME TOO...
THE WORDS MY FATHER LEFT ME ARE IRREPLACEABLE TREASURES.
I THINK THE FIRST STEP THAT YOU'VE TAKEN REQUIRED MORE COURAGE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD.
I hope she will be like that.
Become a child who can replenish their hearts,
When you see someone looking sad,
when the fountain of their hearts seems to have dried up,

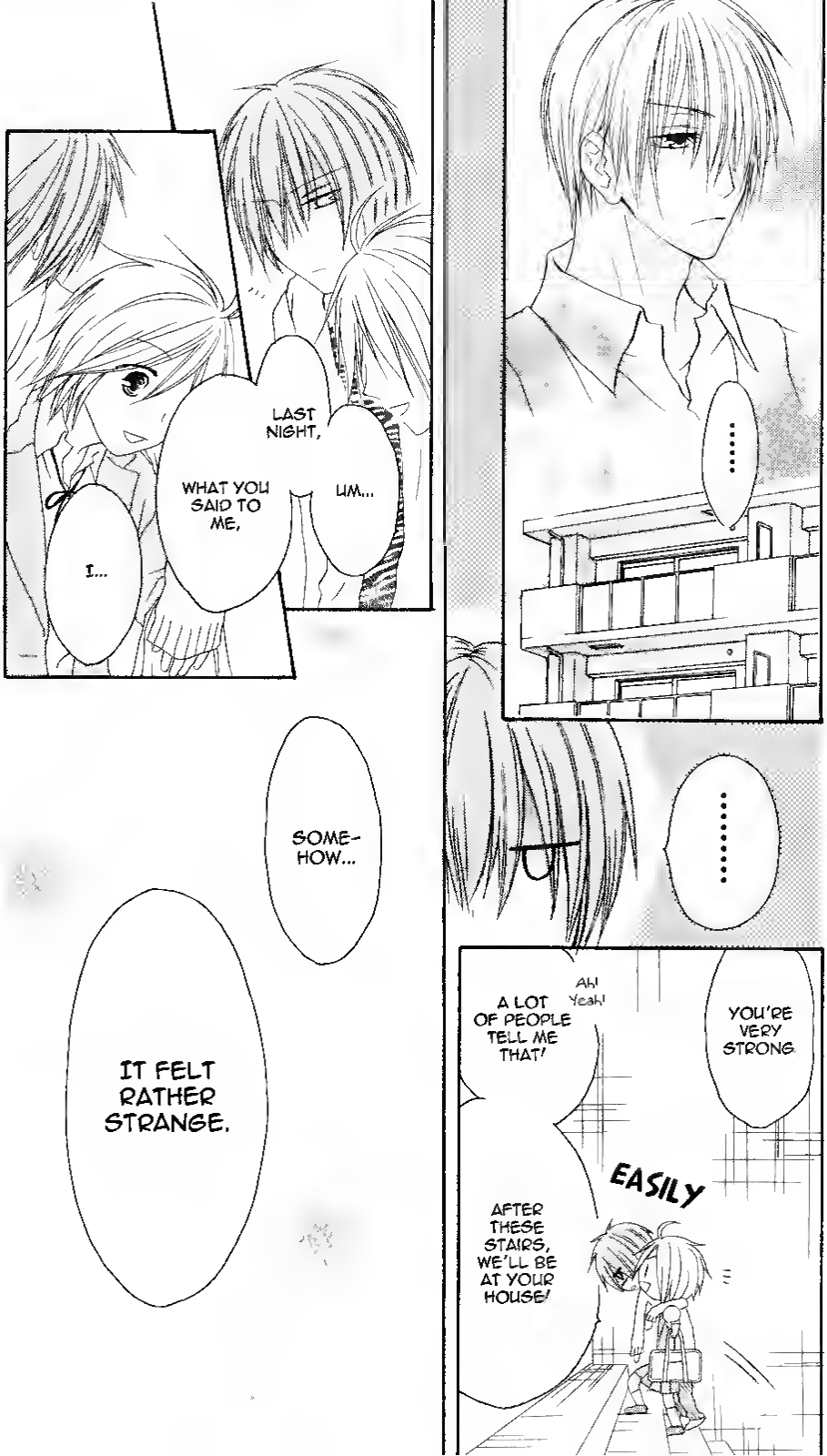
WAH!
FALLS!
I'M REALLY HAPPY!
THAT I HAVE BEEN THE REASON FOR YOUR FIRST STEP,
YOU'RE AMAZING.
THANK YOU FOR WAITING
PLEASE ENJOY.
Are you alright, Hagiwara -san?!
UWAA!
!!!!!!
Not good.
Out in the sun for too long

DON'T YOU THINK
IT'S TOO LATE...?
WHAT?
I MEAN URU-CHAN!
NORMALLY, SHE GETS HERE AROUND THE SAME TIME AS ICHIROU-KUN.
YOU DON'T THINK THAT SAKURABA-SAN KIDNAPPED HER AGAIN...?
GAH!
OR MAYBE...
IT WAS THAT PUNK HAGIWARA WHO CAME YESTERDAY?
!
N-NO WAY~
SAKURABA IS A DIFFERENT STORY,
BUT THE HAGIWARA GUY DOESN'T SEEM DANGEROUS AT ALL.
I JUST DON'T LIKE HIM
My inturtion
"I'm just flirting a little."
"Do I look like I'm playing around?"
...
THEN I'LL BE TAKING MY BREAK.
I'm going to see where Uru is
RING
YOUR SHIFT JUST STARTED!

...
SHE'S NOT...
HERE?
...I JUST SAW YOUR LITTLE PRINCESS DOWN THE STREET.
HUH?
H-HEY! ICHIROU -KUN!
GIVE URU BACK TO ME, YOU PERVERTED MAN.
I CAME BY TO SEE IF
SHE WAS HERE
SHE WAS WITH A MAN WITH RED HAIR
!
I HAD A FEELING THAT HE
DOESN'T HAVE VERY GOOD IN-TENTIONS.

I WAS A BIT WORRIED, SO I CAME OVER HERE TO TAKE A LOOK.
I'M PRETTY GOOD AT READING PEOPLE.
...WHAT?
IN THIS WORLD,
THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS THAT I SHOULDN'T STICK MY NOSE INTO.
WHAT?!
I'm leaving.
ALRIGHT, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!
WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?
Since you think he's going to be doing something bad, why didn't you help her?!
W-What are you saying...?
BESIDES,
I'M NOT SUITED FOR THAT KIND OF THING.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL.
.....
I PLAN TO BE THE ONLY VILLAIN IN YOUR STORY.
Do not
SEE YA.
I'LL GO LOOK FOR HER.
HM?
ANY-WAY!
WHAT HE MEANS IS THAT URU -CHAN IS IN DANGER, RIGHT?!
TAKE CARE OF THE SHOP WHILE I'M GONE.


LAST NIGHT,
WHAT YOU SAID TO ME,
UM...
I...
.....
.....
SOME-HOW...
IT FELT RATHER STRANGE.
YOU'RE VERY STRONG
AH! Yeah!
A LOT OF PEOPLE TELL ME THAT!
EASILY
AFTER THESE STAIRS, WE'LL BE AT YOUR HOUSE!

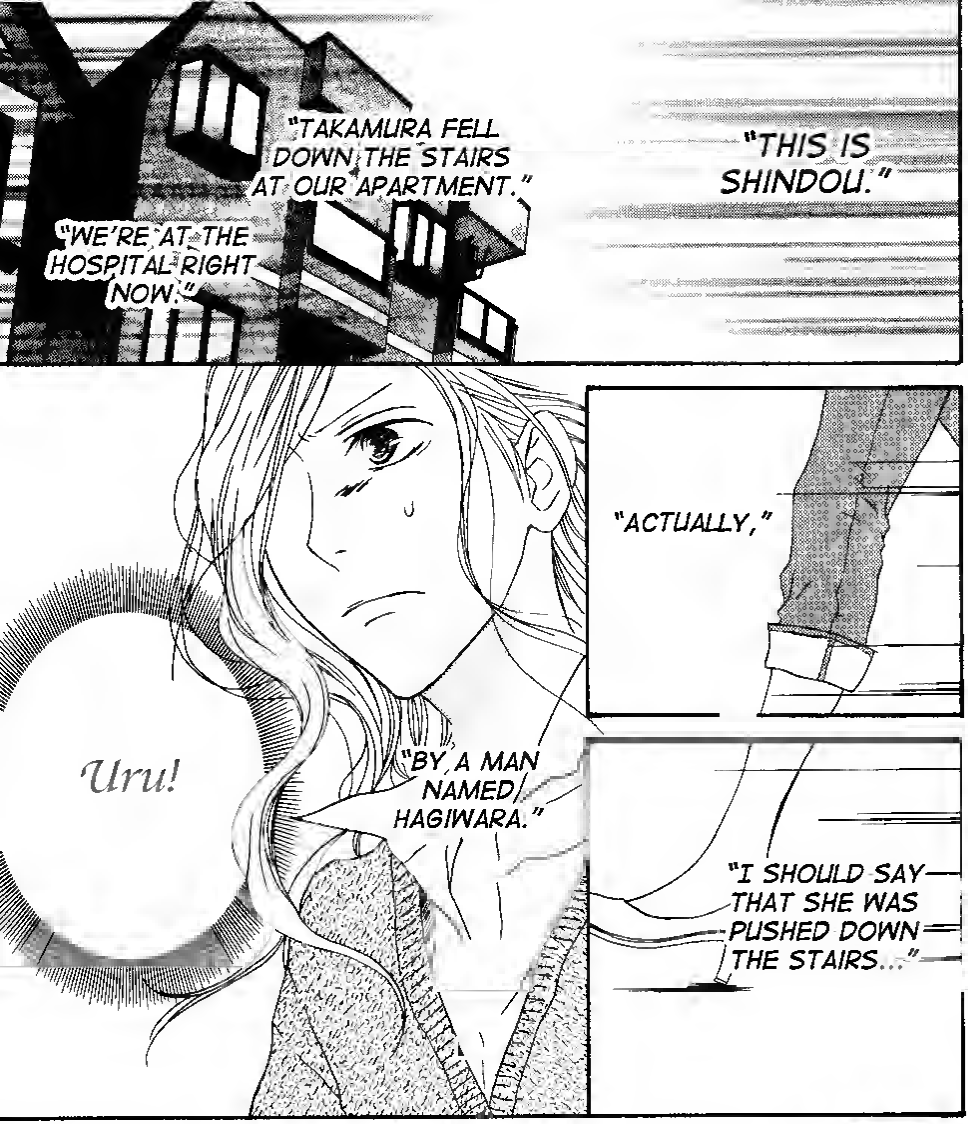
BUT YOU LIKE THAT I REMIND YOU OF MY FATHER, RIGHT?
I THINK THAT YOU DON'T ACTUALLY "LIKE" ME.
...SO, DO YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDS?
.....
HE WOULDN'T BE SO STUPID AS TO BRING HER TO HIS PLACE? MAYBE I'M THINKING TOO MUCH.
DON'T KNOW WHY BUT I CAME HOME INSTINCTIVELY
.....
But...
"He didn't seem to have good intentions."
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT.?

I SHOULD GO TAKE A LOOK
DON'T JOKE WITH ME!
A MAN'S VOICE?
.....
EH?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?!

IT WAS YOU!
FOR ME,
HE WAS THE ONLY FRIEND I HAD!
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT HIROSHI -SAN IS DEAD!
...HOW CAN YOU STILL SMILE LIKE THAT?!
YOUR FATHER'S DEATH WAS YOUR FAULT!
AND YOU STILL DARE TO BE SO HAPPY?!

SHOVE
...HEY!
"You look really happy!"
"Have you forgotten about what you've done?"
That's right...

URU!
What happened after that, I remember it all.
WAKE UP! HEY! OPEN YOUR EYES!
URU!
"The fact that Dad died was because of you."


"THIS IS SHINDOU."
"TAKAMURA FELL DOWN THE STAIRS AT OUR APARTMENT."
"WE'RE AT THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW."
"ACTUALLY,"
Uru!
"BY A MAN NAMED HAGIWARA."
"I SHOULD SAY— THAT SHE WAS PUSHED DOWN THE STAIRS..."

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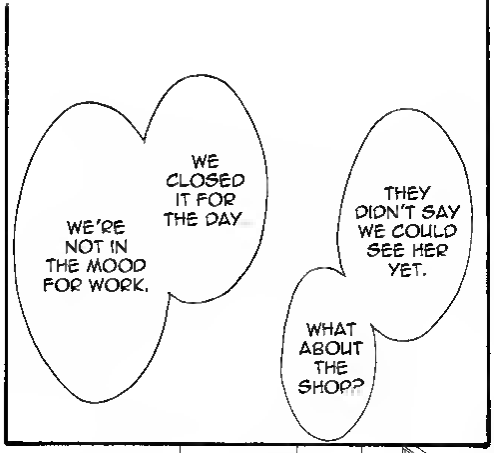
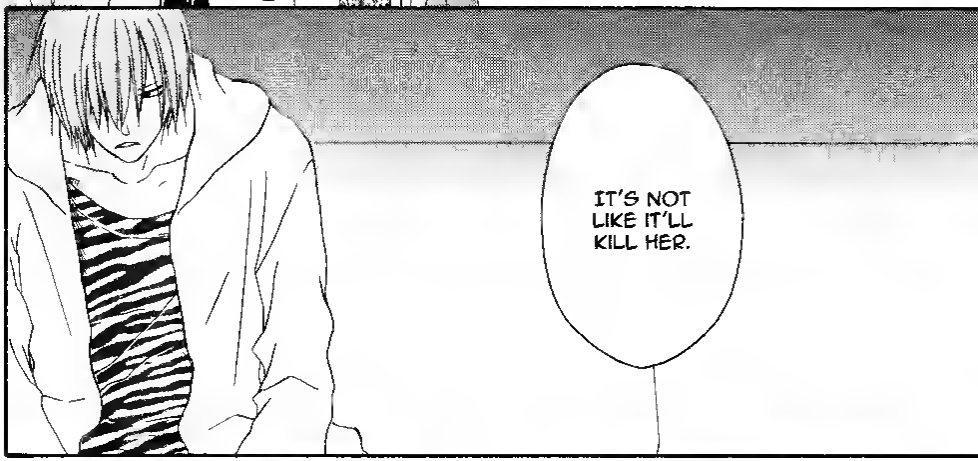
CHAPTER 78

Waiting Room
HOSPITAL
.....
!!
"You are the reason why Hiroshi -san is dead!"
When I dragged him here with me,
I didn't think he'd actually come willingly.
...I NOTIFIED THE OTHERS. THEY SHOULD BE HERE SOON


WE'RE NOT IN THE MOOD FOR WORK.
WE CLOSED IT FOR THE DAY
WHAT ABOUT THE SHOP?
THEY DIDN'T SAY WE COULD SEE HER YET.

SATSUKI!
HOW IS HRU-CHAN?

...IT WASN'T THAT HIGH,


IT'S NOT LIKE IT'LL KILL HER.

DO YO WANT TO
GIVE IT A TRY?

ICHIROU -KUN, STOP THAT!
THIS IS A HOSPITAL!
.....
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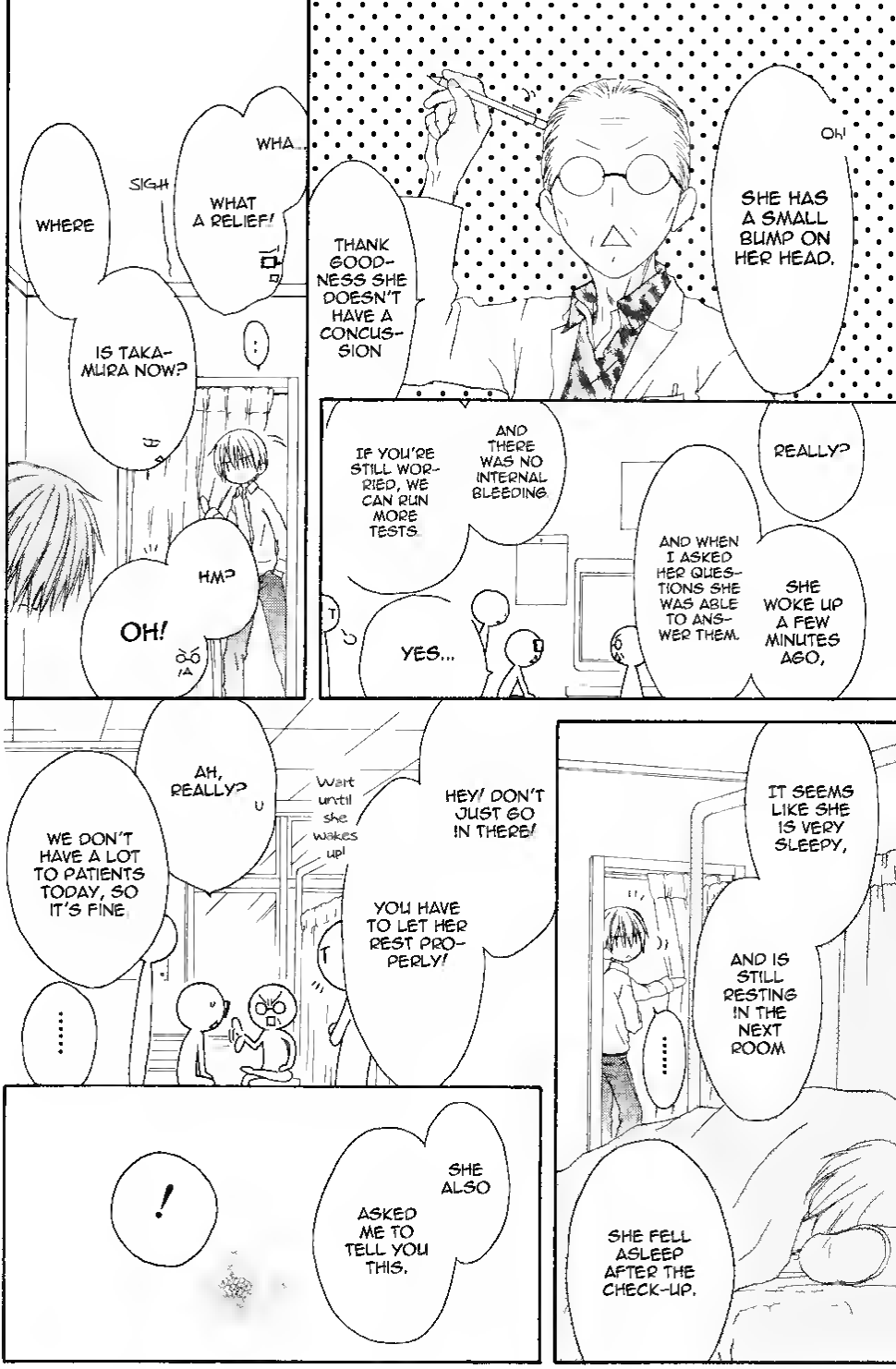
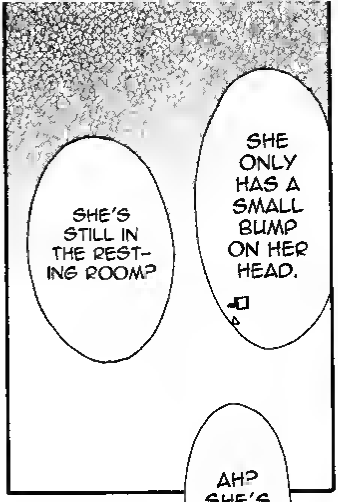
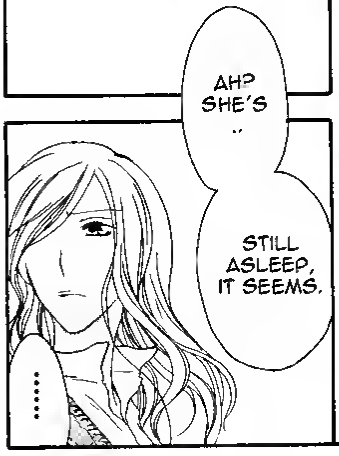
IS THE FAMILY OF MISS TAKA-MURA HERE?
!
HERE!


WHERE
SIGH
WHA...
WHAT A RELIEF!
IS TAKAMURA NOW?
HM?
OH!
THANK GOODNESS SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CONCUSSION
Oh!
SHE HAS A SMALL BUMP ON HER HEAD.
IF YOU'RE STILL WORRIED, WE CAN RUN MORE TESTS.
AND THERE WAS NO INTERNAL BLEEDING.
YES...
REALLY?
AND WHEN I ASKED HER QUESTIONS SHE WAS ABLE TO ANSWER THEM.
SHE WOKE UP A FEW MINUTES AGO,
AH, REALLY?
WE DON'T HAVE A LOT TO PATIENTS TODAY, SO IT'S FINE.
.....
Wait until she wakes up!
HEY! DON'T JUST GO IN THERE!
YOU HAVE TO LET HER REST PROPERLY!
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE IS VERY SLEEPY,
AND IS STILL RESTING IN THE NEXT ROOM
.....
SHE FELL ASLEEP AFTER THE CHECK-UP.
!
SHE ALSO ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THIS.

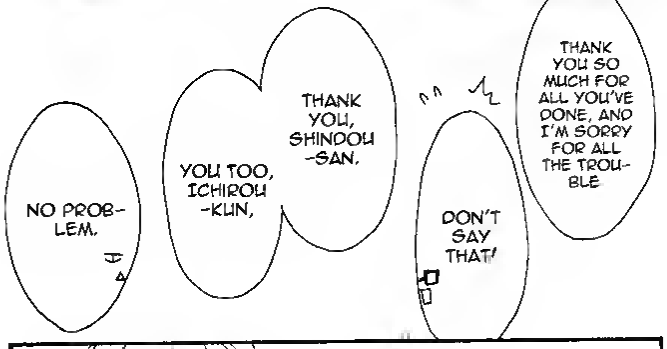
"PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE POLICE."
...SHE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT.
..UNDER-STOOD.
THANK YOU, DOCTOR.
...DOC-TOR,
I'M SORRY
EH?
..WELL
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TODAY,
BUT I JUST HOPE THAT YOU'LL GET BETTER AND RETURN TO YOUR USUAL SELF, URU!
...YES
Right now,
I don't dare to look at their faces
Because
I don't have the confidence that I can smile at them.

Waiting Room
.....
I already
.....
remember everything.
HAGIWARA-SAN,
YOU SAID TAKAMURA WAS "TO BLAME FOR HER FATHER'S DEATH",
JUST WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN EVERYTHING RIGHT NOW?
ABOUT THAT,
I THINK IT'S BETTER IF I EXPLAIN IT MYSELF.


SHE'S STILL IN THE REST-ING ROOM?
SHE ONLY HAS A SMALL BUMP ON HER HEAD.


AH? SHE'S ..
STILL ASLEEP, IT SEEMS.
.....

AH! URU'S MOTHER!
UM, HOW IS MY URU?

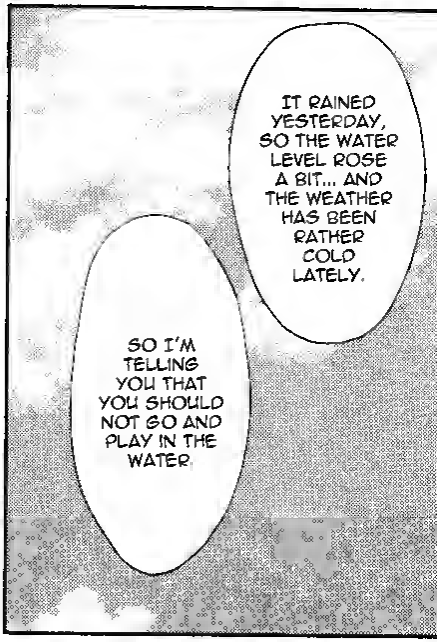

NO PROB-LEM.
YOU TOO, ICHIROU -KUN,
THANK YOU, SHINDOU -SAN.
DON'T SAY THAT!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE, AND I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TROU-BLE

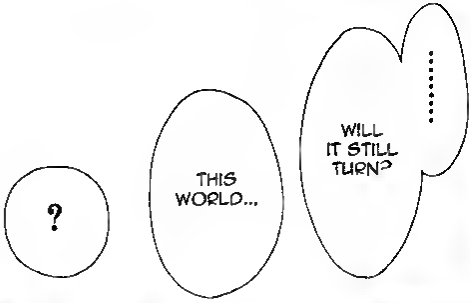
YOU SHOULDN'T BE APOLOGIZING, YUKIE-SAN

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME,
HISA-YUKI.
...YES.
YOU KNOW HIM?
!
...
HE WAS
A FRIEND
OF MY DECEASED HUSBAND'S.
At that
one moment,

Back then I only thought of ways to end my life.
HELLO! THE WEATHER IS SO NICE TODAY!
YOO HOO?
THE YOUNG MAN OVER THERE!
HELLO? HE~LLO ~~~?
.....
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FROM THIS AREA.
I'M... NICE TO MEET YOU,
AH! WAIT A MOMENT!
IF YOU WERE THINKING OF JUMPING IN FOR A SWIM,
I'D STRONGLY ADVISE YOU NOT TO.
!

GOT IT?


IT RAINED YESTERDAY, SO THE WATER LEVEL ROSE A BIT... AND THE WEATHER HAS BEEN RATHER COLD LATELY.
SO I'M TELLING YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NOT GO AND PLAY IN THE WATER.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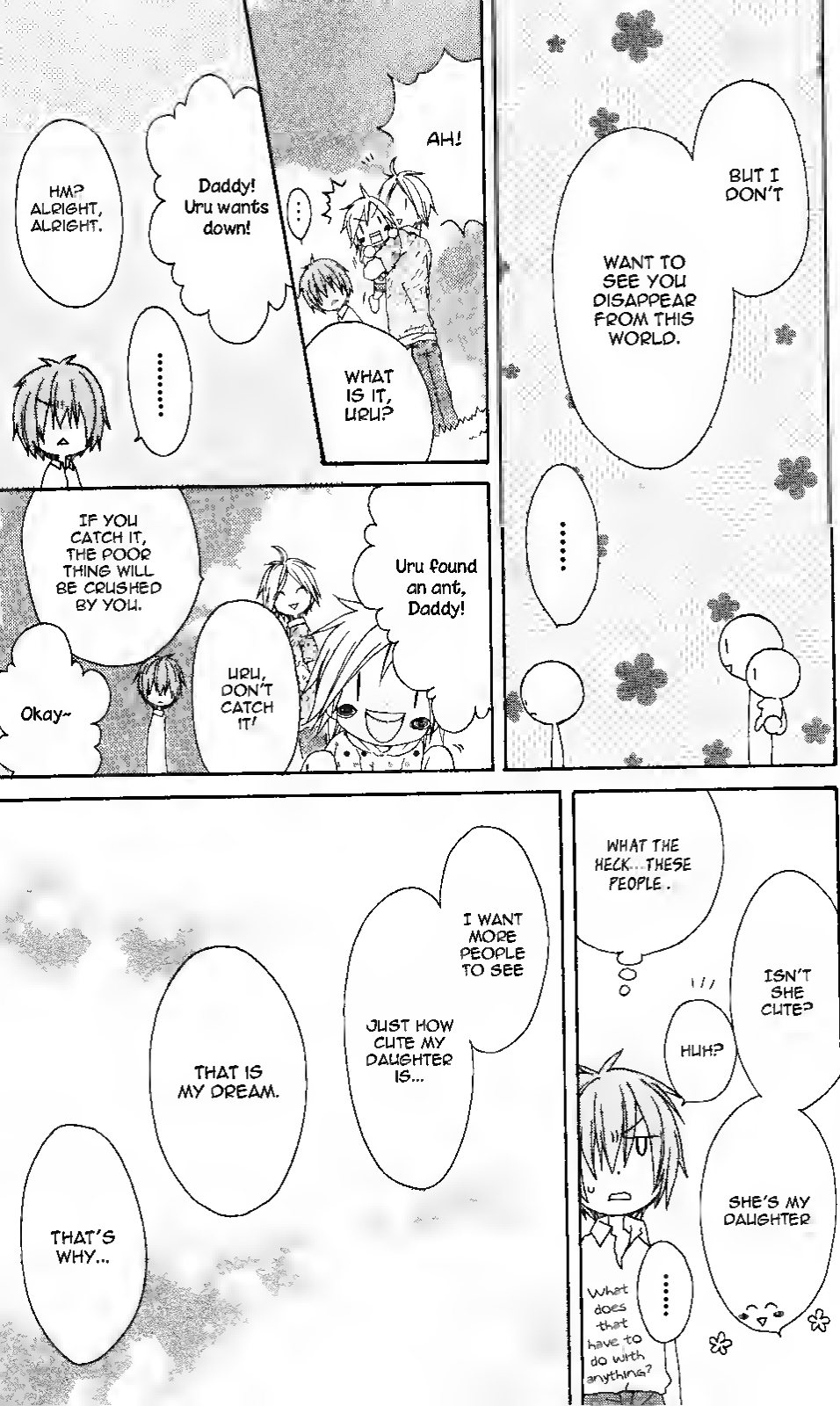
THIS WORLD...
WILL IT STILL TURN?

At times like those,
the other person won't know what to say.
HM...

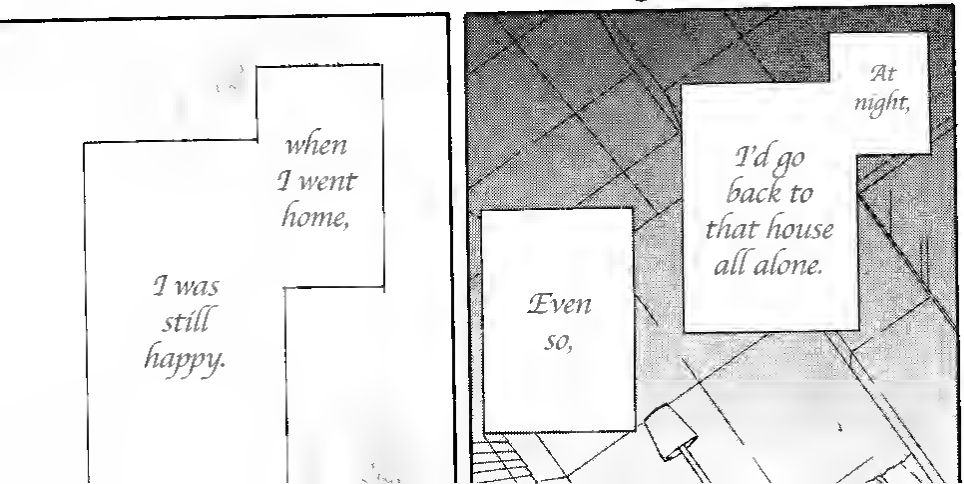
EVEN IF I DISAPPEAR,
THIS WORLD WILL NOT CHANGE.
At that time,
that was how I felt.


AH!
WHAT IS IT, URU?
Daddy! Uru wants down!
HM? ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT.
.....
Uru found an ant, Daddy!
URU, DON'T CATCH IT!
IF YOU CATCH IT, THE POOR THING WILL BE CRUSHED BY YOU.
Okay~
BUT I DON'T
WANT TO SEE YOU DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD.
.....
I WANT MORE PEOPLE TO SEE
JUST HOW CUTE MY DAUGHTER IS...
THAT IS MY DREAM.
THAT'S WHY...
WHAT THE HECK...THESE PEOPLE.
ISN'T SHE CUTE?
HUH?
SHE'S MY DAUGHTER
.....
What does that have to do with anything?

But
somehow they soothed me.
WOW, YOU REALLY DO
COME HERE EVERY DAY.
I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT,
TO THE PERSON WHO IS STANDING IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW.
YOU NEED TO LIVE ON!
Useless!
What useless words!
I AM HERE TO SEE HIROSHI-SAN, NOT AN UGLY WOMAN LIKE YOU!
YOU ARE SO NOT CUTE, YOU LITTLE PUNK!
...I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT AN UGLY WOMAN,
HOW IS YUKIE UGLY? YOU BRAT!
OH MY, FATHER! YOU HEARD?
!!

PAT PAT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NOTHING... HEARING HISAYUKI-KUN'S WORDS MADE ME REALLY HAPPY.
!!
HE TOOK URU OUT FOR A WALK,
HE SHOULD BE HOME SOON.
I CAME WITHOUT THINKING, DIDN'T I...?
DON'T YOU NEED TO GO TO SCHOOL?
I ALSO WANT TO HAVE HIROSHI-SAN AS A FATHER.

It was like a dream
that's what I thought
DON'T WE ALREADY SEEM LIKE FATHER AND SON?
BUT,


when I went home,
I was still happy.
At night,
I'd go back to that house all alone.
Even so,

But,
I CAN'T DO THIS FOR YOU.
YOU NEED
TO GO AND ASK YOUR FATHER.
I felt so embarrassed.
Parent-Teacher Interviews
……
In the end,
I was just being silly.
URUP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY DID YOU BRING DADDY HIKING TODAY?
I WANT TO GO SEE ONII-SAN!
HUH?
FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS HE DIDN'T COME OVER.
ONII-SAN'S HOUSE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL,
URU KNOWS THAT!

IF ONLY HE COULD HEAR THAT, IT'D BE GREAT.
IF HE DOESN'T FACE HIS SITUATION,
IT JUST WON'T DO.
URU
DO YOU WANT URU TO CARRY YOU, DADDY?
REALLY?
AH, DADDY IS SO HAPPY.
SPRAIN
OUCH!
!
WATCH OUT...

CRASH!
The person I hoped to see was Hiroshi-san.
The person coming wouldn't be my "father". but his secretary or his lawyer.
Even though I said that,
.....
.....
A SHOE..?
A child's?
"You should ask your father."
I'M SO STUPID.
...Even if I told him, it wouldn't matter.
WHY IS THERE A SHOE HERE?
WAKE UP
DADDY
DY

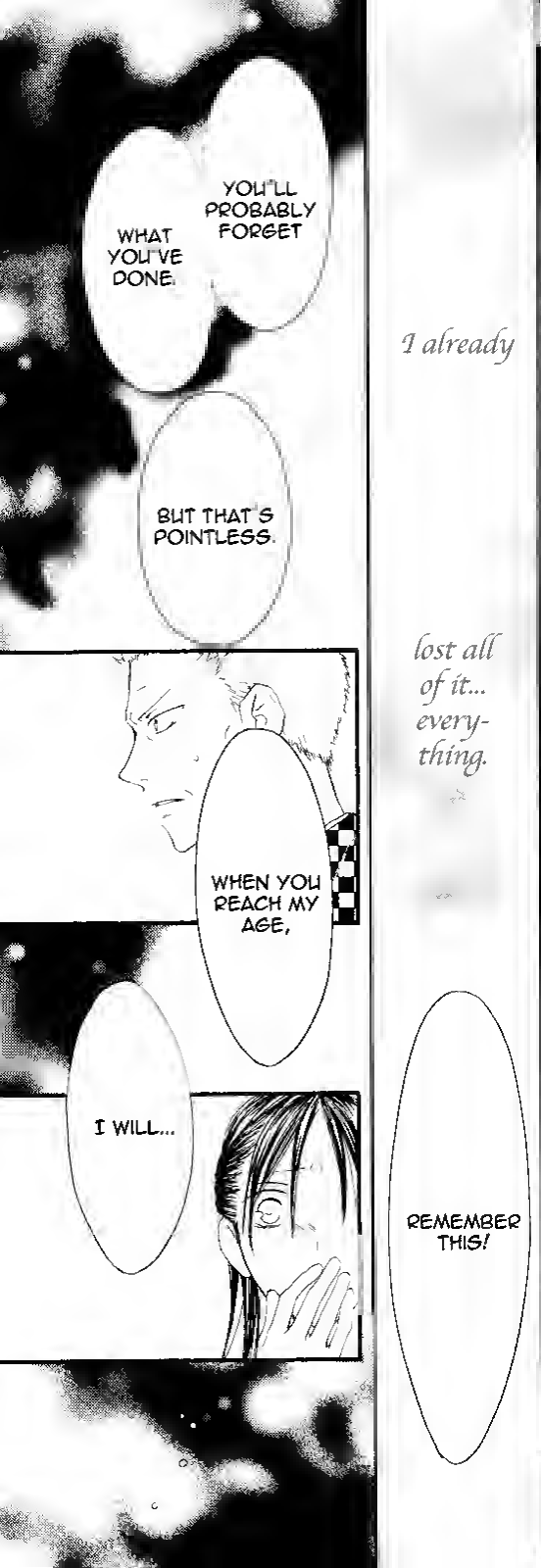
AH!
ONII-SAN IS HERE!
YOU FELL?
ARE YOU AL
.....
What's this?
DADDY! WHAT'S WRONG? DADDY!
This
ONII-SAN IS HERE!
WE FELL DOWN!
DADDY! WAKE UP!
HIROSHI -SAN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN THERE?
?
!
Hiroshi -san...
His...

Somebody help! Please!
Anyone will do!
Please!
Somebody help!
His body is cold!
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
HURRY!
SOME-ONE?!
PLEASE!
ANY-ONE!
...HE HAD A VERY DEEP WOUND ON HIS RIGHT SIDE,
HE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD.
THAT WAS PROBABLY THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

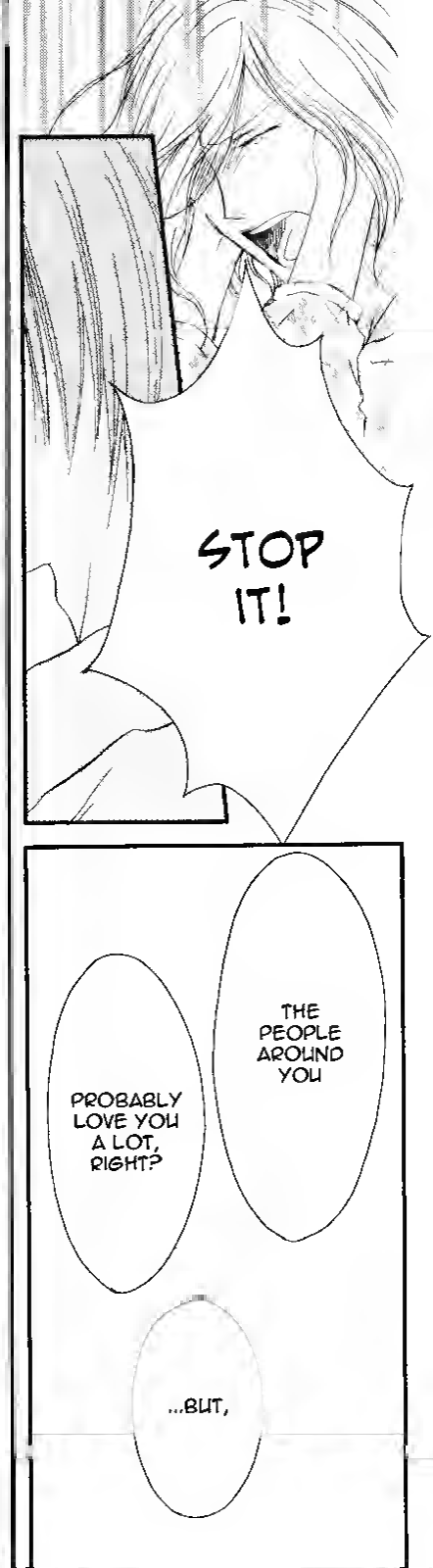
ABOUT THE LITTLE GIRL...
HE MOST LIKELY GOT THOSE
WHILE TRYING TO PROTECT HIS DAUGHTER.
AND HIS BODY WAS COVERED WITH INJURIES.
SHE ONLY SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES?
YES.
BUT
DUE TO HER EXTREMELY YOUNG AGE,
THE EMOTIONAL TRAUMA THIS HAS CAUSED
IS QUITE EXTREME, I'M AFRAID.
……!
……?

HISAYUKI-KUN...?
STEP
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
IT WAS YOU...

WHO CAUSED YOUR FATHER TO DIE!
STOP THAT!
...DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS!

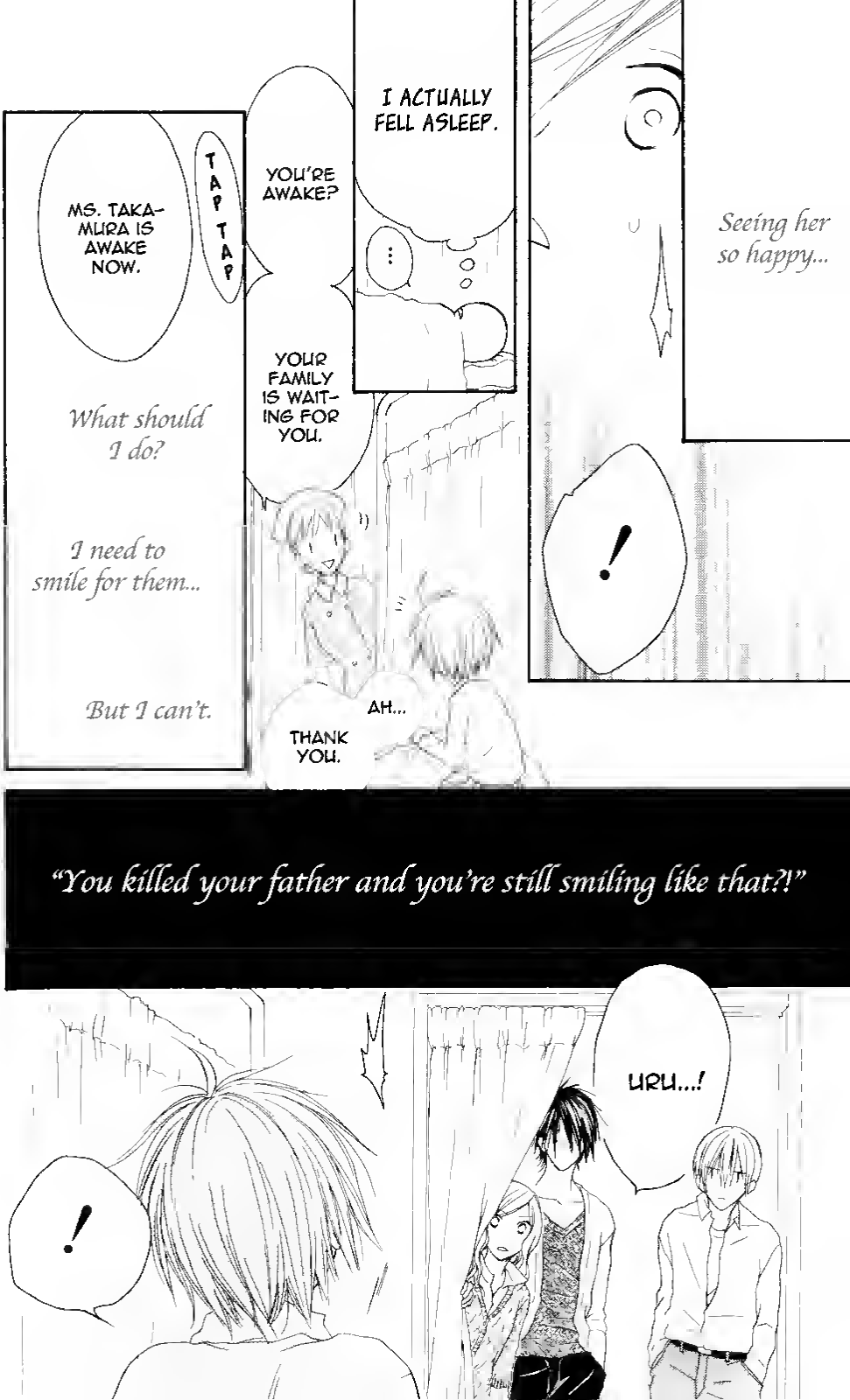


I already lost all of it... everything.



I'm going to come back!
And I'm going to remind you of what you've done!
.....
AFTER THAT,
HE DIS-APPEARED.
.....
BUT THIS WHOLE THING
WAS NO-BODY'S FAULT.
This whole time, Hagiwara was...
He is just like the old me.
But now...
YOU RESPECTED HIROSHI -SAN SO MUCH,
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF HE SAW YOU NOW?
THINK ABOUT IT.
He's still all alone.

BECAUSE OF HATRED, YOU WASTED SO MUCH TIME! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE ACTING LIKE GARBAGE?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU
THINK OF LETTING YOURSELF BE HAPPY INSTEAD?
WHEN SOME-ONE HAS DIED,
THE PEOPLE THAT HE LOVED,
THE THINGS HE LOVED
NEEDS TO BE CHERISHED THE SAME WAY AS WHEN HE WAS ALIVE.
THAT IS WHAT THOSE WHO ARE STILL LIVING
CAN DO FOR THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER HERE!
"Hisayuki -kun!"
Because, seeing her smile...


I ACTUALLY FELL ASLEEP.
YOU'RE AWAKE?
TAP TAP
MS. TAKAMURA IS AWAKE NOW.
YOUR FAMILY IS WAITING FOR YOU.
Seeing her so happy...
!
What should I do?
I need to smile for them...
But I can't.
AH...
THANK YOU.
"You killed your father and you're still smiling like that?!"
!
URU...!

I MADE YOU ALL WORRY...
I'M SORRY...
.....
AH..
I'VE...
..WELL THEN, SINCE YOU'RE ALRIGHT NOW,
MOMMY'S GOING TO GO HOME, OKAY?
...OKAY.
I'M VERY.. SORRY.
Sorry for all the trouble.
.....
T^
...I WAS EXPECTING ALL THIS TO HAPPEN,
BUT I STILL...
DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN COMFORT HER...
URU
...
PLEASE LET ME RETURN WHEN I'VE CALMED DOWN.

I'M SO PISSED AT MY-SELF
!.....
I CAN'T SEEM TO THINK OF ANYTHING.
I...
SAYING SOME-THING TO MAKE URU FEEL BETTER,
!
I AM GOING TO TAKE YUKIE-SAN HOME
TA
...Please save Uru.
.....
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE NOT HURT
!
AH?
THAT... I...
YEAH...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN BECAUSE YOUR FATHER WAS PROTECTING YOU FROM HEAVEN.

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SCARED, RIGHT?
NO...
HE...
MY DAD
Because...
WOULDN'T ....
.....
It was me
who caused my father's death.
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS HIDING YOUR FEELINGS, YOU SILLY GIRL?!
IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY NOW.

I'm sorry, Abekawa Sou...
...because I also
I love this girl.

bonheur

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The meaning behind those tears that you shed.
I think I understand now.
You must be happy...
Don't cry, my Uru!

HERE!
One day...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT QUESTION!
We will meet again.
WHAT KIND OF HOUSE IS THIS?!
HOW CAN YOU LIVE LIKE THIS ?!
There's no evidence of someone living here!
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A FRIDGE! WHAT IS THIS?!
HERE! EAT THIS!

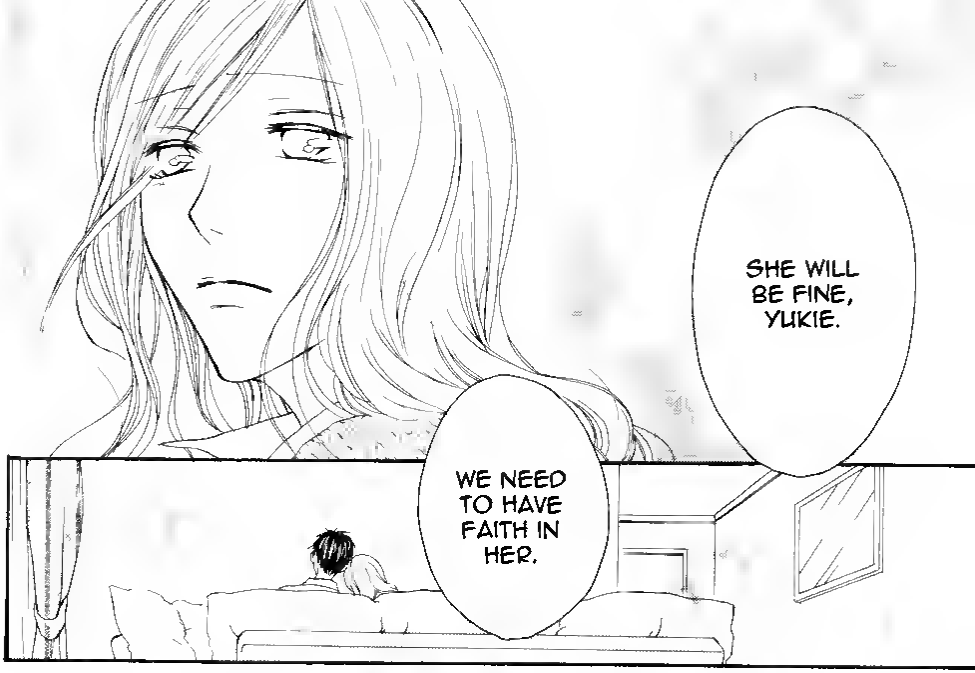
..THIS KID IS SO CHILDISH AND LIKES TO THROW TEMPER TANTRUMS!
His every word is so harsh!
HE'S NOT YOUNG ANYMORE EITHER!
It makes me so angry!
But, there's probably no one at his side who would get angry for him like this, right...?
EATING IS SO ANNOY-ING.
BESIDES, I HATE RICE.
TAKES AWAY!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO COMPLAIN, THEN DON'T EAT IT!
DO YOU WANT ME TO EAT IT OR NOT? STUPID.
AH...
DON'T TELL ME...
...
BY THE WAY, IF HE'S BEEN LIVING LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME,
WHERE THE HECK DO HIS MUSCLES COME FROM?!

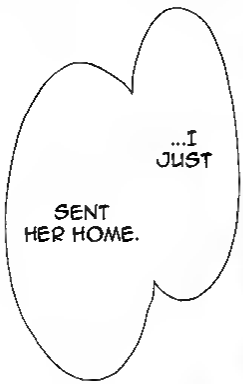
YOU GUYS WANT ME TO APOLOGIZE TO THAT GIRL?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT.
WHO NEEDS YOU TO SAY SORRY?
YOU KNOW IT BY NOW, RIGHT?
RIGHT NOW, YOU...
WHAT ELSE DO YOU HAVE LEFT?
IT'S OKAY.
EVEN IF I HAVE NOTHING LEFT,
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS URU IS SUFFERING.
SO... EVERYTHING ELSE DOES NOT MATTER.

NOTHING MATTERS ANY-MORE..
A PAIN-FUL OR SORROW-FUL PAST..
I TRUST THAT EVERY-ONE HAS EXPERIENCED THAT.
THIS IS TRUE
FOR URU -CHAN AS WELL.
YOU SHOULD NOT CONTINUE TO STAY HERE AND HURT YOURSELF.
Perhaps...
I used to be just like him.

FOR URU
AND FOR YOU,
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE FOR A NEW START.
IF IT'S LIKE THAT,
THEN YOU CAN'T GO ON HURTING THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU.
HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON
TO SHOW YOU ANY COMPASSION, AM I RIGHT?
ring
!
WELCOME.
caf

...I'M BACK.
.....
...OH.
AFTER SENDING YUKIE -SAN HOME,
NAOKI -SAN WAS WAITING FOR HER.
He gave me this lolli-pop
I THINK
HE ALSO KNEW ABOUT THIS ALL ALONG.

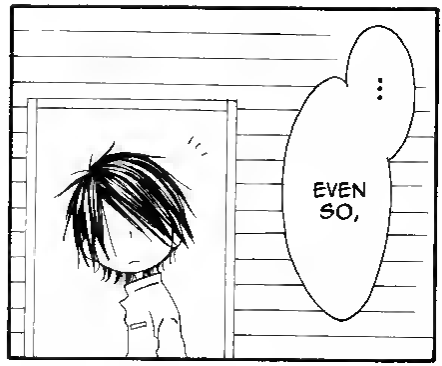


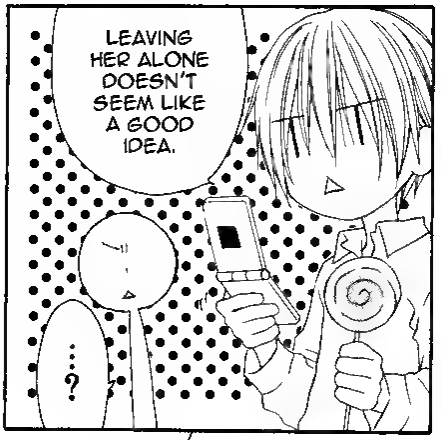


I don't remember telling you to do that!
WHAT DOES YOUR SILENCE MEAN?
DON'T TELL ME YOU DID SOMETHING TO HER?
I'M NOT LIKE YOU! I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!

..On the way home, I didn't dare look at her.

Takamura's expression...
I know she would try her hardest to force herself to smile.
IT'S FINE! JUST REST UP.
I knew it.
...OKAY.
301 Takamura
ABOUT THE SHOP,
YOU CAN TAKE SOME TIME OFF
If I were to look into her eyes,
That's exactly what she did.
I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE.
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME HOME.
IF I WERE TO STAY WITH HER,
So strongly, I feel...
AT TIMES LIKE THESE,
YOU AREN'T SUPPOSED TO LEAVE HER SIDE.

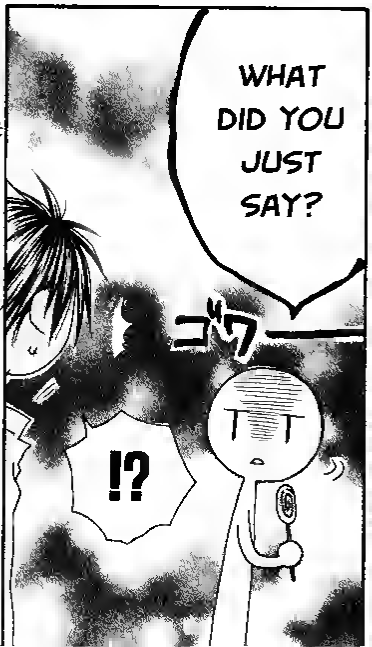




I want to protect her.

TAKAMURA WOULD DEFINITELY TRY TO ACT LIKE SHE'S FINE.

Ever since I've realized my feelings, that is all I want to do.



ISN'T HE TOO CLOSE TO URU RIGHT NOW?

IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?

THE OLD MAN IS THERE.

Besides, my apartment is between them.

ANY-WAY,

HOW'S THAT GUY?

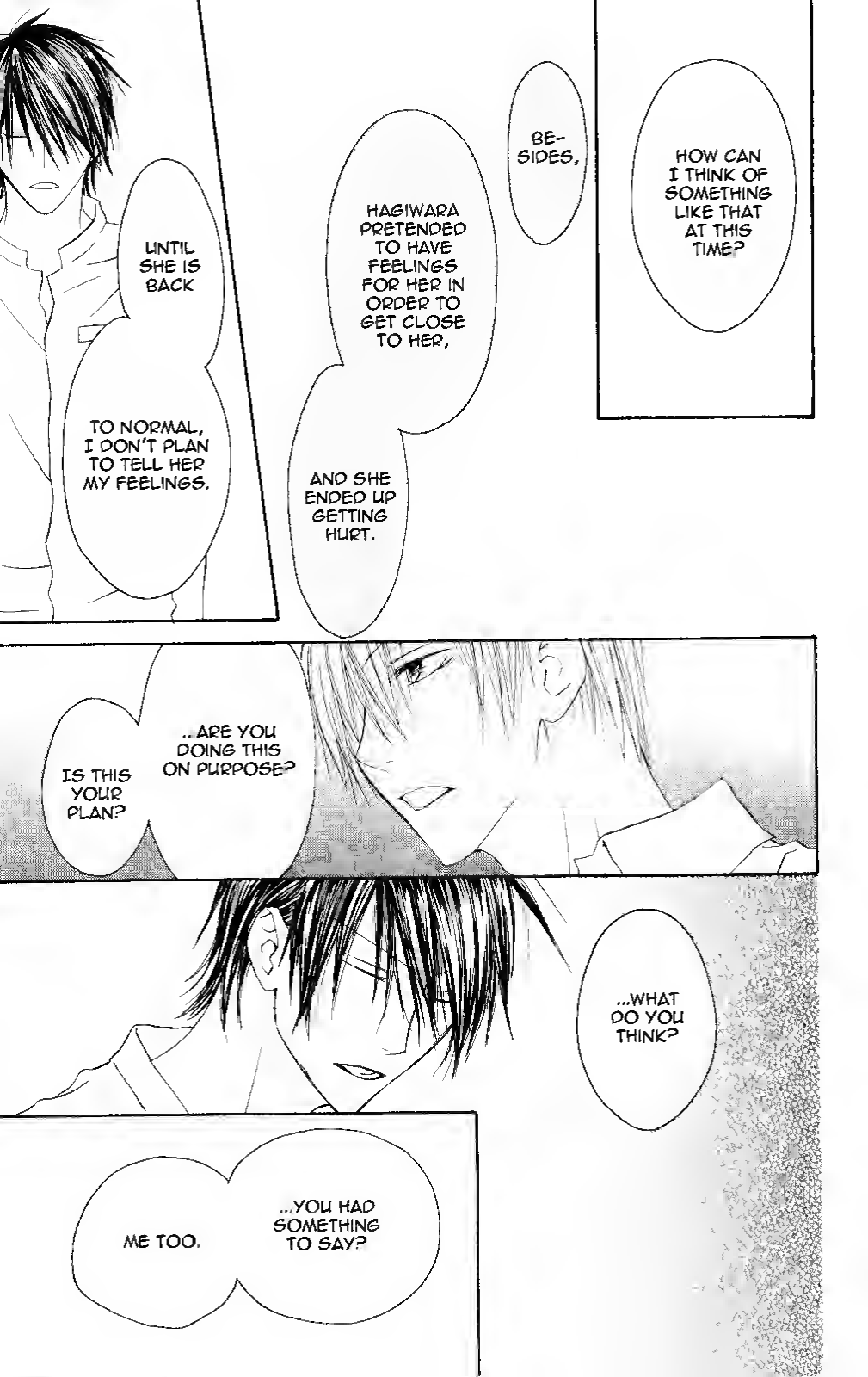
THE OLD MAN IS AT HIS HOUSE TAKING CARE OF HIM.

IF HUG-
GING HER
COULD
MAKE HER
SMILE AGAIN,
THEN I'D
HOLD HER
FOR AS LONG
AS IT TAKES.

I don't have the confidence that I can save Takamura.

But that girl...

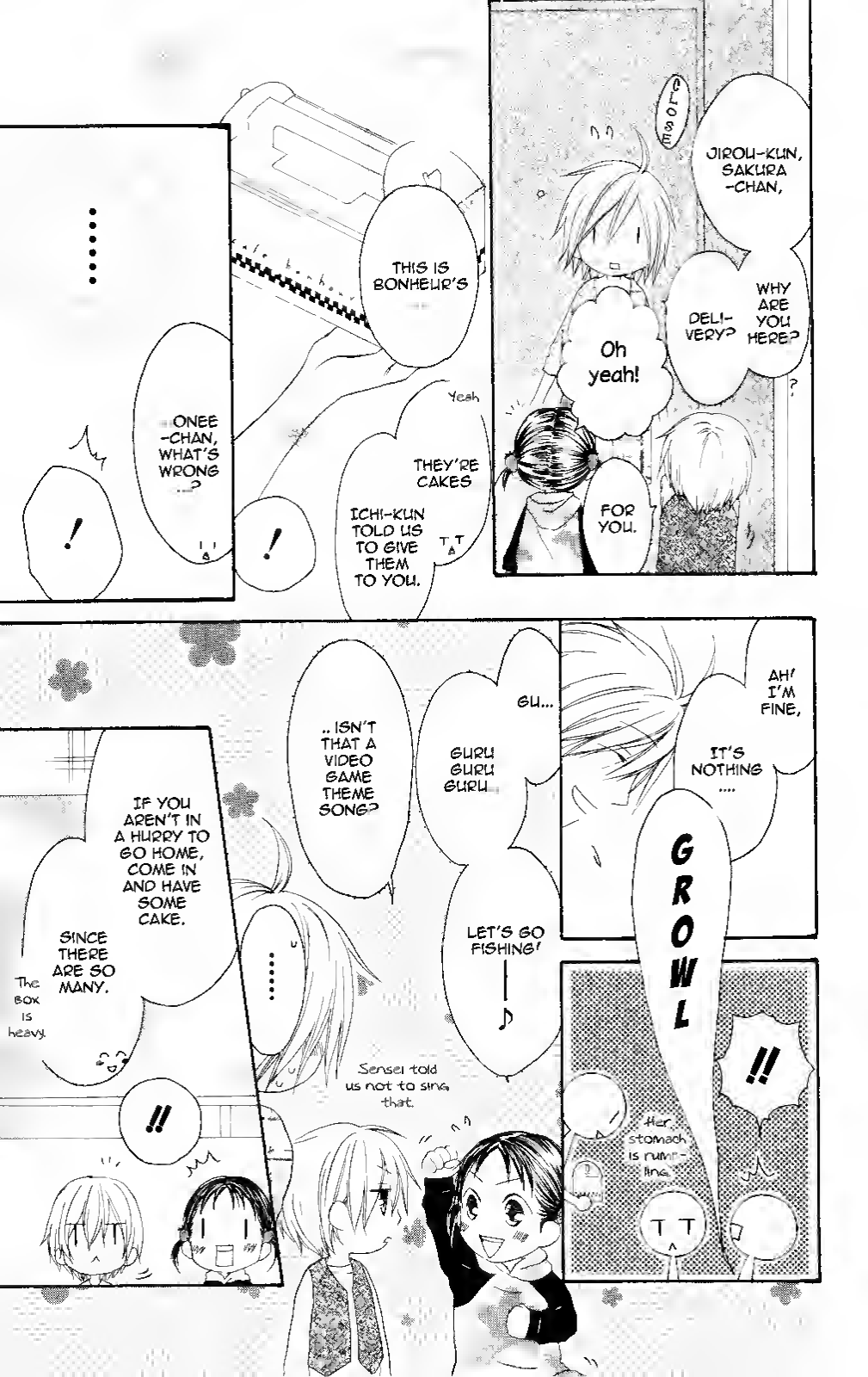
She has done so much for me...

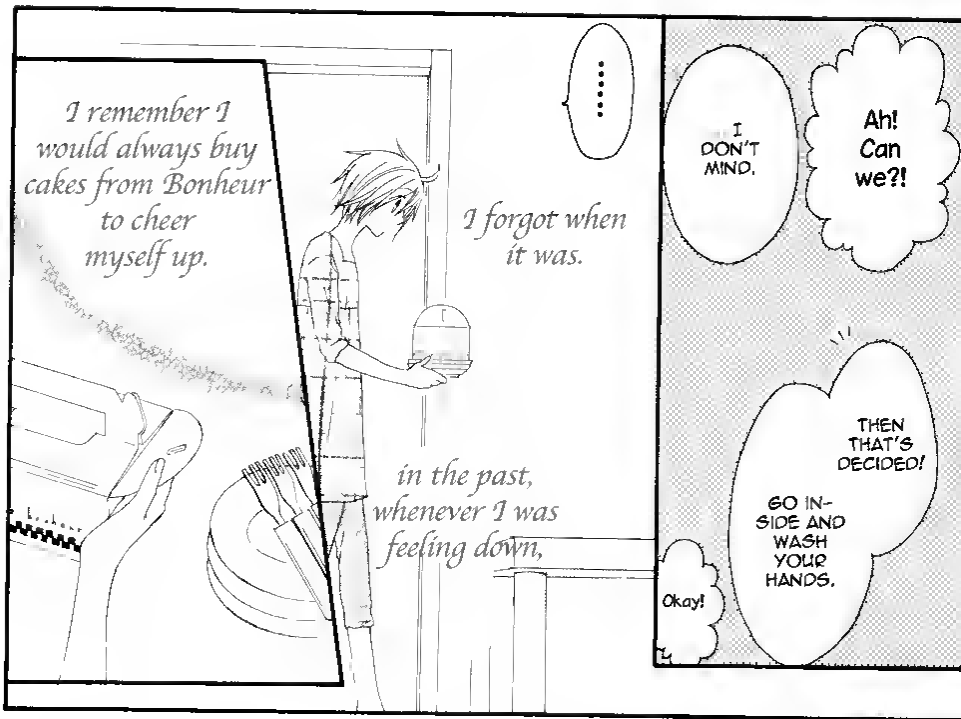

HOW CAN I THINK OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT AT THIS TIME?
BE-SIDES,
HAGIWARA PRETENDED TO HAVE FEELINGS FOR HER IN ORDER TO GET CLOSE TO HER,
AND SHE ENDED UP GETTING HURT.
UNTIL SHE IS BACK
TO NORMAL, I DON'T PLAN TO TELL HER MY FEELINGS.
..ARE YOU DOING THIS ON PURPOSE?
IS THIS YOUR PLAN?
...WHAT DO YOU THINK?
...YOU HAD SOMETHING TO SAY?
ME TOO.

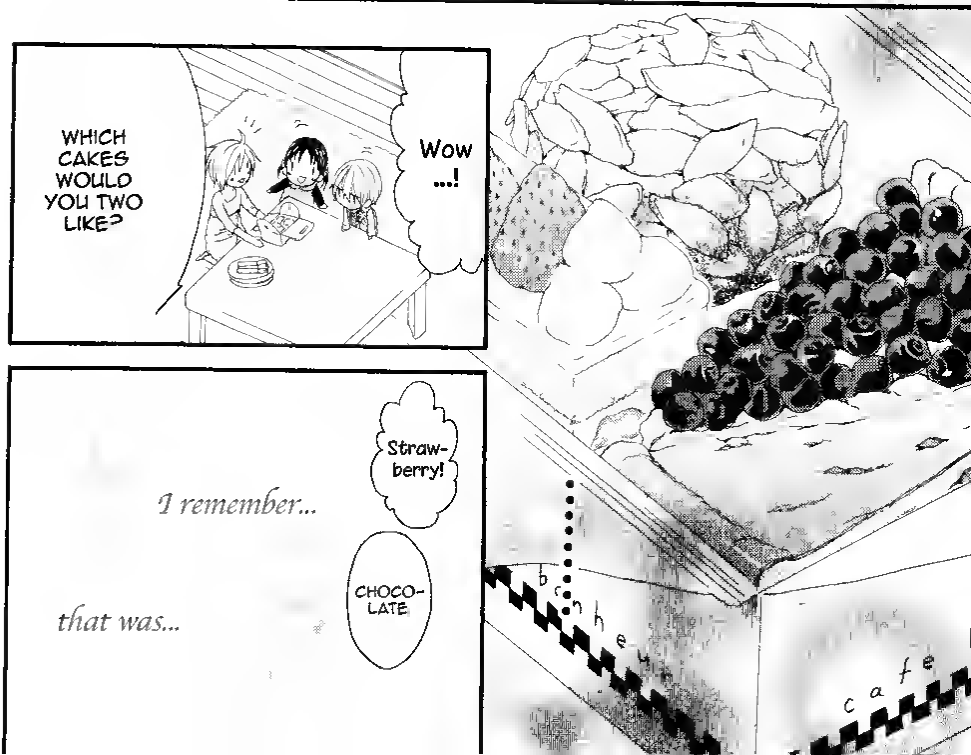
I WAS
GOING TO KEEP THIS
A SECRET FOREVER.
SHINDOU -SAN, YOUR MOTHER
IS STILL ALIVE.
TO HAVE ENOUGH COURAGE TO FACE YOUR PAST,
WHAT HAPPENED TO URU MUST TELL YOU THAT, RIGHT?
BECAUSE YOUR URU IS CURRENTLY WORKING HARD TO MOVE ON,
YOU OWE IT TO HER TO DO THE SAME THING.

"It was you!"
So many times,
I've been awaken by the same nightmare
This time, I've caused
so much grief and trouble for everyone.
"You must have been scared."
Especially...
for Shindou-san...
.....
I was only able to smile,
after I buried away the memories of Dad's accident.
DON'T YOU WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT?
I want...
to sleep.

It was me.
The one who took away my father,
DING DONG!
The one who caused my mother to cry,
.....
COMING.
Present delivery!


Jirou-kun, Sakura-chan,
Why are you here?
Deli-very?
Oh yeah!
For you.
Yeah
They're cakes
Ichi-kun told us to give them to you.
This is Bonheur's
Onee-chan, what's wrong...?
Ah! I'm fine, it's nothing....
GROWL
Her stomach is rumbling.
Gu...
Guru guru guru...
Let's go fishing!
.. isn't that a video game theme song?
Sensei told us not to sing that.
If you aren't in a hurry to go home, come in and have some cake.
Since there are so many.
The box is heavy.


I remember I would always buy cakes from Bonheur to cheer myself up.
I forgot when it was.
in the past, whenever I was feeling down,
.....
I DON'T MIND.
Ah! Can we?!
THEN THAT'S DECIDED!
GO INSIDE AND WASH YOUR HANDS.
Okay!


WHICH CAKES WOULD YOU TWO LIKE?
Wow ...!
I remember...
that was...
Straw-berry!
CHOCO-LATE
bonheur
cafe

Time to eat!
"You did well today."
"Here's your reward."
YEAH.
It's yummy! Right, Jirou?!
Ehe he!
IT'S REALLY YUMMY, ONEE-CHAN!
CAN I...?

AM I ALLOWED TO SMILE?
YEAH! SAKURA'S DADDY AND NII-CHAN ALWAYS SAY THIS TO ME!
AS LONG AS YOU KEEP SMILING,
THEN GOOD THINGS WILL COME YOUR WAY!
.....
URU...

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD TODAY.
More so than usual
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO SMILE.
WHEN YOU SMILE,
ICHI-KUN LOOKS REALLY HAPPY.
AND THAT MAKES ME HAPPY TOO.
HERE..!
ONEE-CHAN, SAY AH!
STUFF!
!!

AH?
YEAH..
YUMMY?
DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?
I...
...YEAH.
I am still allowed to be surrounded by such happiness?
Is that okay...?

I just want

Tender care and warm compassion...

the people I cherish, the people I love

It's all here.

to smile from the bottom of their hearts.

ding dong!

COMING! WHO IS IT?

..WHO COULD IT BE?

I WILL GO AND OPEN THAT FOR YOU.

.....

That's enough! Just tell him to come!
!
OH...
Hisayuki is his son!
Don't you know how difficult it is for me to take care of him?!
I need to tell his real father to come and take him!
Listen up, I will give you money and a place to stay.
But in exchange, you mustn't call me "father" outside of this house.
If there's anything you need, my secretary will let me know.
Seriously!
Another piece of baggage out of nowhere!
FOR TAKING AWAY SOMEONE SO PRECIOUS TO YOU,
I AM VERY SORRY.

I think my father
would be very sad if that happened.
I AM ONLY ALIVE NOW BECAUSE
IF YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DIED INSTEAD,
THEN THINGS WOULD BE JUST GREAT.
....NO WAY!
BECAUSE,
.....

MY LIFE
IS SOME-THING THAT MY DAD
DIED TO PROTECT.
When the fountains of their hearts
seems to have dried up completely,
I hope she will become a child who can replenish them.

It's been over ten years since Hiroshi-san passed away.

That is my dream.

I've realized

that sometimes I forget that I'm supposed to hate her.

I viciously promised that I would never forget that accident!
Because of that,
Seeing her being happy by herself,
it's like seeing that person's smiling face.
But then...
I HOPE THAT YOU CAN BE HAPPY TOO.
There's a massive pain in my heart.
But whether it's hating her or just forgetting about it all,
its still painful
It's all because of
the gentle warmth that seeped slowly through her fingers and into my body.
BECAUSE HAGIWARA-SAN IS ALSO
SOMEONE THAT MY FATHER CHERISHED.

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I'M STILL WORRIED!
I CAN'T!
Suddenly, my eyes leaked hot tears...
URU-CHAN, ARE YOU ?
HELLO ~?
HEY!
ICHIROU ...
WHAT IS IT?
?
"SAKURA AND JIROU ARE SLEEPING AT MY HOUSE,"
"MANAGER, CAN YOU GO LOOK AFTER THEM FOR ME?"
IS THAT REALLY OKAY?
LEAVING THOSE TWO ALONE TO-GETHER,

CAN YOU CONTACT HER...?
MY...
MY MOTHER...

Every time I see the face that looks so much like his

smiling at me, I feel so upset.

What should I do now?

I don't know anymore.

But...

I dreamt of that uncomfortably hot summer day...

And it was actually...

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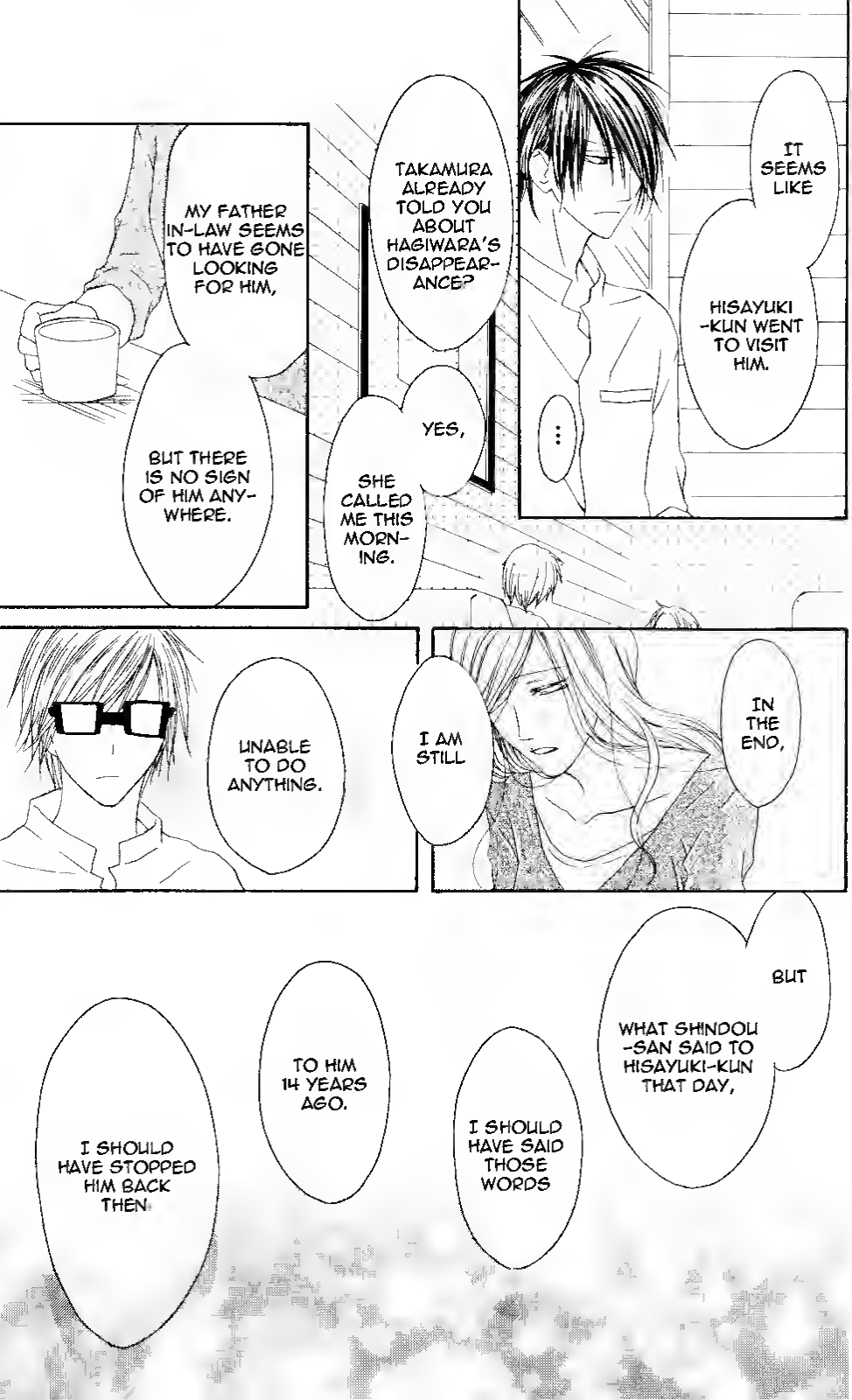
...When I woke up in the morning,
I was back in my own bedroom.
IT'S 6:00AM
.....
The door to Hagiwara -san's apartment
was left wide open.
!!
!

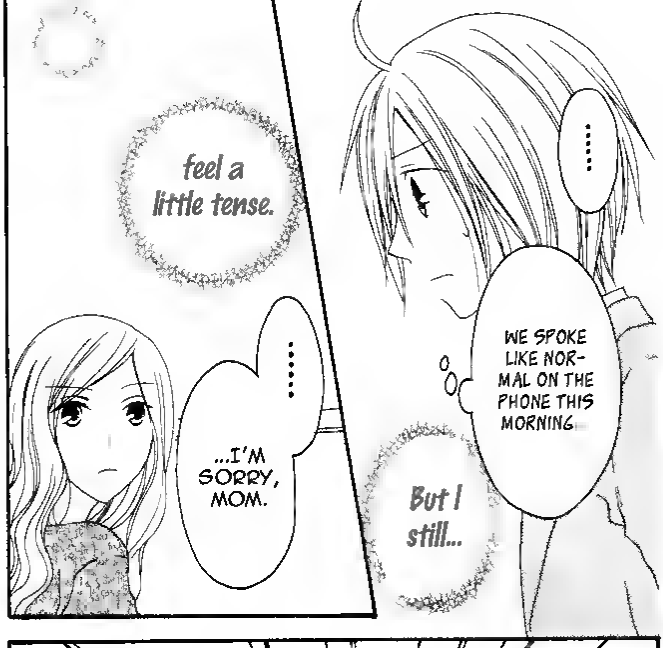
HE EVEN LEFT THE KEY BEHIND ..
!
I....
WHAT?
NO, HE'S NOT AT MY PLACE!
After that,
Hagiwara -san just disappeared.
...don't know if there is anything I can do for Hagiwara-san.
...YOU TWO ARE LIKE A PAIR OF SIBLINGS.
WHAT?
YESTERDAY YOU WERE SLEEPING.
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU TWO WERE A VERY LOVING FAMILY.

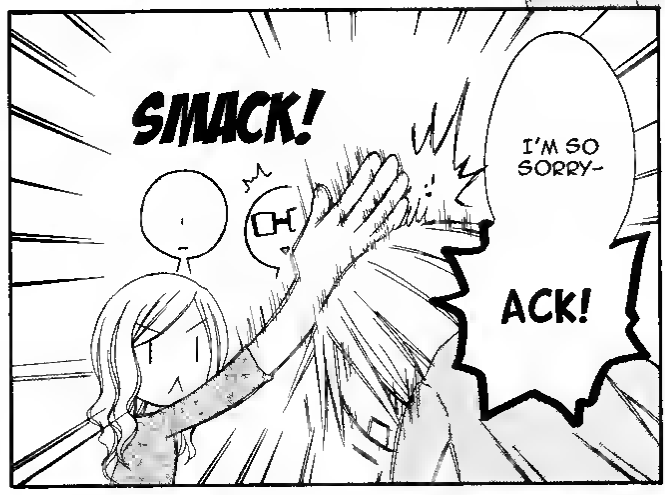
BUT IT WAS ALL OVER WHEN SATSUKI AND ICHIROU CAME HOME.
HE DID NOT LOOK HAPPY ...
Hahaha!
SATSUKI SEEMED LIKE HE RUSHED BACK AND HE TOOK YOU AWAY FROM HAGI-WARA'S SIDE IMMEDIATELY.
And then he carried you back to your own place.
.....
I'LL BEAT UP THAT OLD MAN LATER.
AT THAT MO-MENT,
I KNEW EVERY-THING WAS GOING TO BE OKAY.
HE WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO DIDN'T THINK ANY-THING MATTERED,
BUT HE PICKED HIMSELF UP,
SO I GUESS THAT'S WHY HE LEFT HERE.

EH?
SOMEONE LEFT FLOWERS AT
HIROSHI-SAN'S GRAVE...?
YES.
HIS SISTER SHINOBU FOUND THEM.
...we are able to dream
the same dream.
c a f
IF THAT'S TRUE,
THAT'D BE GREAT
.....
SAYING WE LOOK LIKE SIBLINGS,
HAGIWARA-SAN WOULD NOT LIKE THAT
At least...
BUT HEARING THAT
MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY.


IT SEEMS LIKE
HISAYUKI -KUN WENT TO VISIT HIM.
...
TAKAMURA ALREADY TOLD YOU ABOUT HAGIWARA'S DISAPPEAR-ANCE?
YES, SHE CALLED ME THIS MORN-ING.
MY FATHER IN-LAW SEEMS TO HAVE GONE LOOKING FOR HIM,
BUT THERE IS NO SIGN OF HIM ANY-WHERE.
IN THE END,
I AM STILL
UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
BUT
WHAT SHINDOU -SAN SAID TO HISAYUKI-KUN THAT DAY,
I SHOULD HAVE SAID THOSE WORDS
TO HIM 14 YEARS AGO.
I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM BACK THEN.

THANK YOU
FOR SAVING MY URU.
.....
IT WAS HER OWN STRENGTH
THAT ENABLED HER TO GET THROUGH THIS.
WHAT IS THIS ?!
SHINDOU -SAN'S WORDS WERE SO LOVING JUST NOW, RIGHT MANAGER?!
Y-
YEAH!
He looks mad.
Oh my! There's been prog-ress! ♥
?
RING
GOOD MORN-ING...
WAH!
MOM!
You're here!?
I TOLD YOU THIS MORNING I'D BE HERE!


feel a little tense.
...I'M SORRY, MOM.
WE SPOKE LIKE NORMAL ON THE PHONE THIS MORNING.
But I still...


SMACK!
I'M SO SORRY-
ACK!

BUT... I REALLY DID CAUSE YOU SO MUCH SADNESS AND WORRY...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU OVER THE PHONE?
IF YOU KEEP SAYING SORRY, I'LL KEEP HITTING YOU!
OWW!

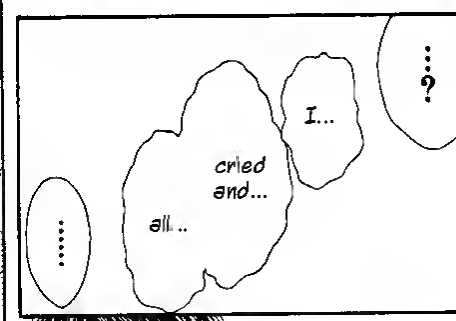
A MOTHER WORRYING FOR HER PRECIOUS DAUGHTER
IS NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
EH?!
I NEED TO MAKE DINNER.
...ALRIGHT THEN, I SHOULD BE GETTING HOME.
I'M LEAVING NOW.
MOM! YOU COOK?!
DO YOU KNOW HOW?!
OH GEEZ! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I BULLY HIM ALL THE TIME! YOUR MOTHER IS CAPABLE OF MAKING A MEAL, YOU KNOW!

I WON-DER IF
HAGIWARA -SAN WILL COME TO OUR SHOP AGAIN?
CLOSE
.....
I HOPE THAT ONE DAY...
...AH!
THAT WOULD BE NICE.
.....
IT REALLY WOULD!

....Uru-chan
seems to have matured a lot...!
Ah! I'm going to take my break now!
Then, I'll leave the shop to you two!
EH?
OKAY.
Ahem!
Enchanted
!!
....HUH?
...WHO KNOWS ??
IS HIS JOINT PAIN ACTING UP AGAIN?
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MANAGER?
!!

IT SEEMS THAT I'M ALWAYS
CRYING IN FRONT OF YOU, SHINDOU-SAN!
So embarrassing!

FOR SO MANY THINGS, I'M SORRY.
TO YOU
ESPEC-IALLY, SHINDOU -SAN.


.....
all...
cried and...
I...
...?

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?
"It's alright now."
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU CRY.

IT'S FINE
AS LONG AS YOU
ONLY CRY IN FRONT OF ME,
THEN IT'S FINE.

XIAOXUE OH MY! IS THAT A FLIRTY SHINDOU I SEE?! IT'S A SHAME HE DOESN'T COME OUT MORE OFTEN
I'M JUST KIDDING.
BESIDES, TAKAMURA DOESN'T UNDER-STAND IT ANYWAY.
Better than Ichirou's pervy com-ments
IT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT OF TEASING, IT WON'T HURT, RIGHT?
WELL, KINDA.
K-
KINDA?!
SORT OF
I...
IS THIS SHINDOU -SAN'S WAY OF BULLY-ING PEOPLE?!
I don't really understand what he means...

But...
MY FACE IS WARM!
AH! UM... SAY!
HOW COME ICHIROU-KUN ISN'T HERE TODAY?!
HE... HAO SOME THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF.
?
...WHAT THINGS?
?
.....
...AH!
HELLO!
SERIOUSLY! CHITOSE-SAN, IT'S ME!
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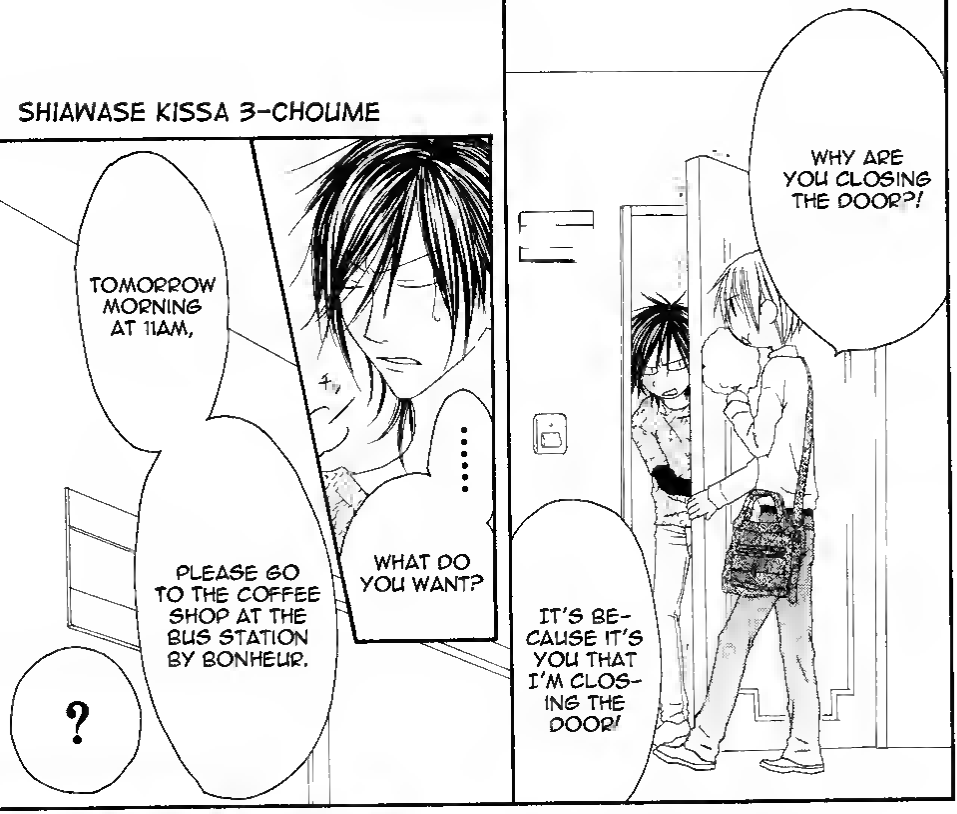
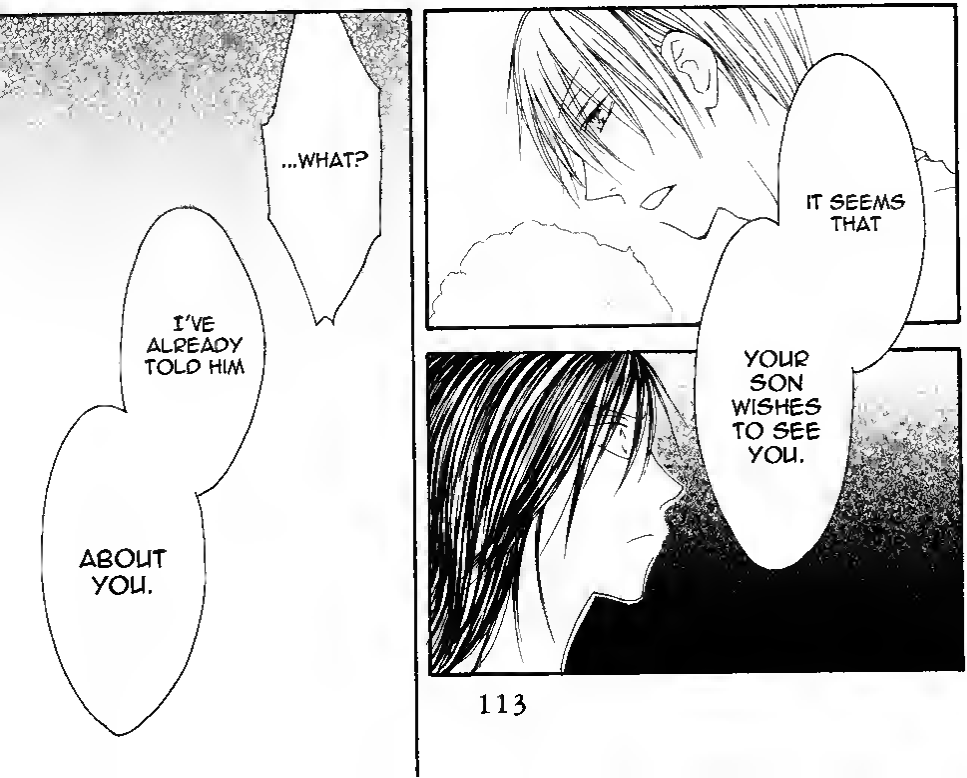

WHY ARE YOU CLOSING THE DOOR?!
IT'S BE-CAUSE IT'S YOU THAT I'M CLOS-ING THE DOOR!
.....
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
TOMORROW MORNING AT 11AM,
PLEASE GO TO THE COFFEE SHOP AT THE BUS STATION BY BONHEUR.
?


IT SEEMS THAT
YOUR SON WISHES TO SEE YOU.
...WHAT?
I'VE ALREADY TOLD HIM
ABOUT YOU.

ISN'T IT ENOUGH?
YOU'VE RUN AWAY FOR LONG ENOUGH.
SINCE YOU LET GO OF SHINDOU-SAN,
THIS IS THE FIRST THING THAT YOUR SON HAS REQUESTED OF YOU.
SHOULDN'T YOU LET HIM BE SELFISH JUST THIS ONCE?
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED,
BUT YOU'VE ALREADY SACRIFICED YOUR HAPPINESS FOR SO MANY YEARS.
CLOSES DOOR
.....

THAT KID IS REALLY NOSY.
.....
"You might have abandoned him,"
!!
Satur-days are our days off
IT'S OUR DAY OFF TOMORROW SO IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
AH! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SHOP
THAT'S ALL.
"But as long as you are willing to fix things, then everything can be alright again!"

Message Sent
WELL THEN, TIME TO GO HOME
AH..
I AM SUCH A GOOD PERSON
Ah, I should bring some snacks back
Thoughts are over-lapping...

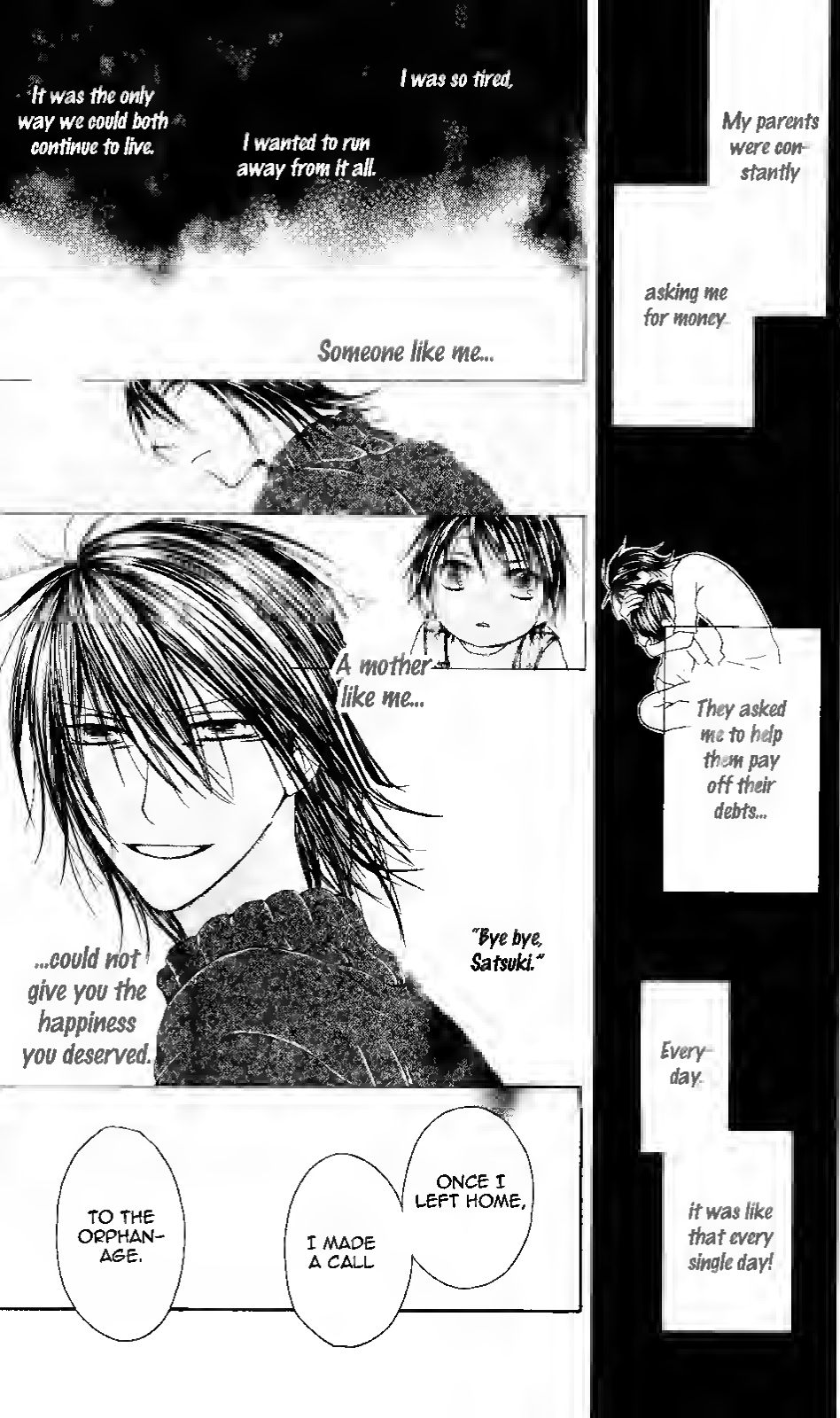
Message Received
15 31
Ichirou
No Subject
11 o'clock at the coffee shop Probability of showing up 50%
END-
Just like that,
the night passed by.
AUX BACCHANOLES
AUX BACCHANOLES

.....
THIS IS NORMAL, RIGHT? WHAT DID I EXPECT?
..WHATEVER
this day would come.
It's not that I never thought
..I SHOULD GO HOME.
SORRY.
Because...
I won't be expecting anything...
"It's just that I told you first."
.....
T_T
"Uru also knows about Chitose-san."
Even so...

PLEASE GIVE ME A GLASS OF WATER.
THAT...
.....
SCARED ME. DIDN'T THINK WE'D LOOK SO ALIKE. WHAT A SHOCK.
.....

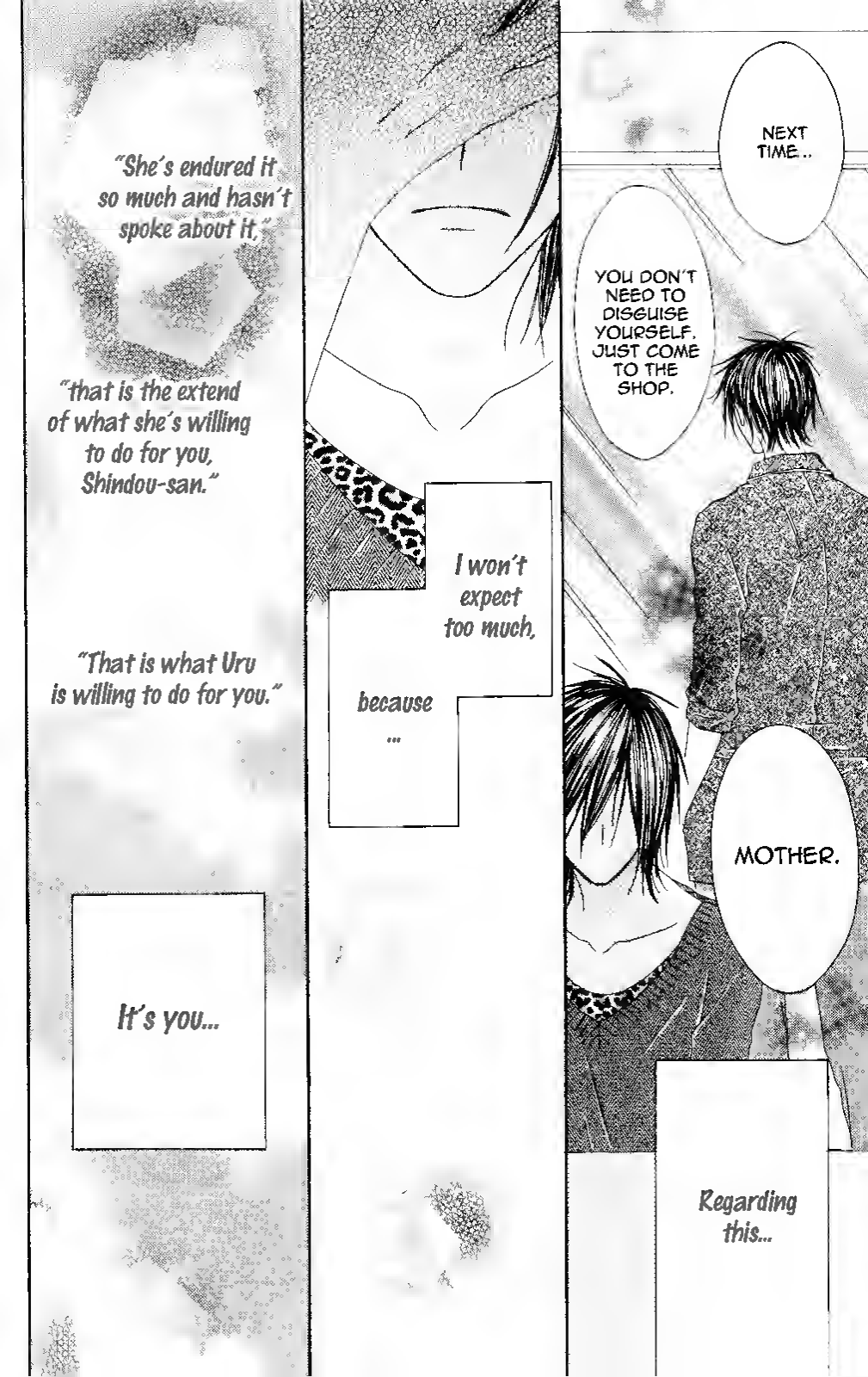
I'M WILLING TO ACCEPT EVERYTHING.
SO...
I WILL TELL YOU ANYTHING,
AND LISTEN TO WHAT YOU SAY.
.....
THIS IS WEIRD
ANYTHING.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY
!
Why am I so afraid...?
.....
WHAT HAPPENED .....
In the past, I was...
DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABEKAWA-SAN ...?
IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY, THEN FORGET IT.

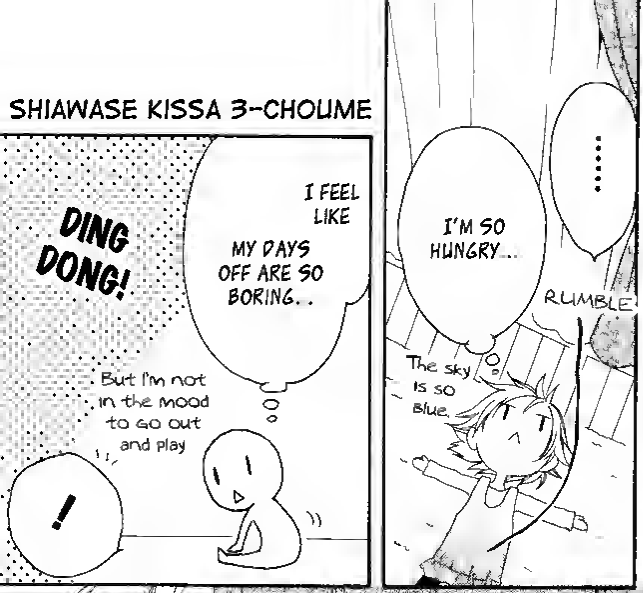
HOW DID THINGS GET SO OUT OF HAND?
IN MY HEART ...
I'M STILL SCARED AND WORRIED.
FOR ME,
A "MOTHER" IS ....
NOTHING BUT A FRIGHTENING IMAGE LEFT BEHIND WHEN I WAS A CHILD.
I THINK
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR EXCUSES ANYMORE.
THE BOTH OF US
EVEN THOUGH WE COULD NOT AFFORD TO FEED OURSELVES,
IN REALITY, BEFORE MY MOTHER FOUND US,
WE WERE LIVING RELATIVELY HAPPY LIVES.


It was the only way we could both continue to live.
I was so tired,
I wanted to run away from it all.
Someone like me...
A mother like me...
...could not give you the happiness you deserved.
"Bye bye, Satsuki."
My parents were constantly
asking me for money.
They asked me to help them pay off their debts...
Every-day.
it was like that every single day!
ONCE I LEFT HOME,
I MADE A CALL
TO THE ORPHAN-AGE.

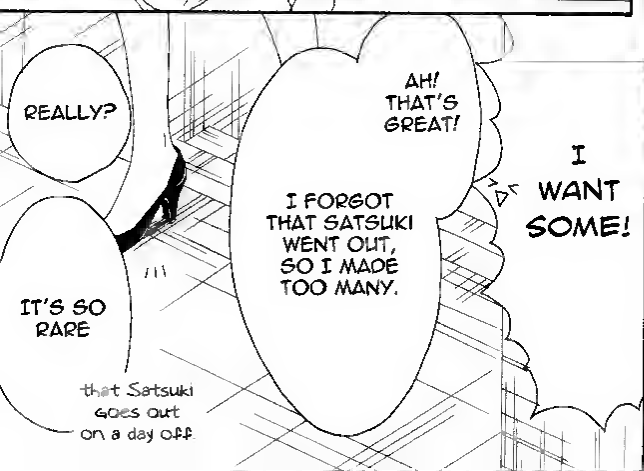
It was impossible for you to protect me!
NO! YOU WERE ONLY A 5-YEAR-OLD CHILD!
IT'S NOT A MATTER OF HOW OLD ONE IS.
WOMEN SHOULD BE PRO-TECTED BY MEN.
THAT IS SOMETHING MY CURRENT FATHER HAS TAUGHT ME.
I'M SORRY.
I WAS UN-ABLE TO PROTECT YOU...
WHILE YOU WERE IN SO MUCH PAIN,

THE REASON BEHIND MY NAME.
...I STILL REMEMBER
THANK YOU
FOR GIVING BIRTH TO ME.
THAT IS ALL
I WANTED TO SAY.


"She's endured it so much and hasn't spoke about it,"
"that is the extend of what she's willing to do for you, Shindou-san."
"That is what Uru is willing to do for you."
It's you...
I won't expect too much, because ...
NEXT TIME..
YOU DON'T NEED TO DISGUISE YOURSELF. JUST COME TO THE SHOP.
MOTHER.
Regarding this...

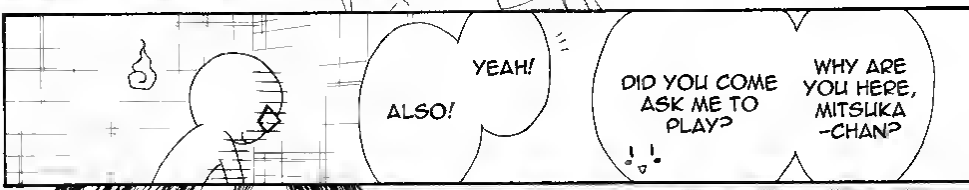

DING DONG!
I FEEL LIKE MY DAYS OFF ARE SO BORING..
But I'm not in the mood to go out and play
!
.....
I'M SO HUNGRY...
RUMBLE
The sky is so blue.

AH! COMING!
!!
I MADE SOME PAN-CAKES, DO YOU WANT SOME?
HELLO URU-CHAN!
MAN-AGER!


REALLY?
IT'S SO RARE that Satsuki goes out on a day off
AH! THAT'S GREAT!
I FORGOT THAT SATSUKI WENT OUT, SO I MADE TOO MANY.
I WANT SOME!

It's you who has become my support,
Takamura.

Ha! Ha! Ha!
I'M HERE! ♥
AH! I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE, MANAGER.
MITSUKA -CHAN!
GLOMP
URU~~ ♪

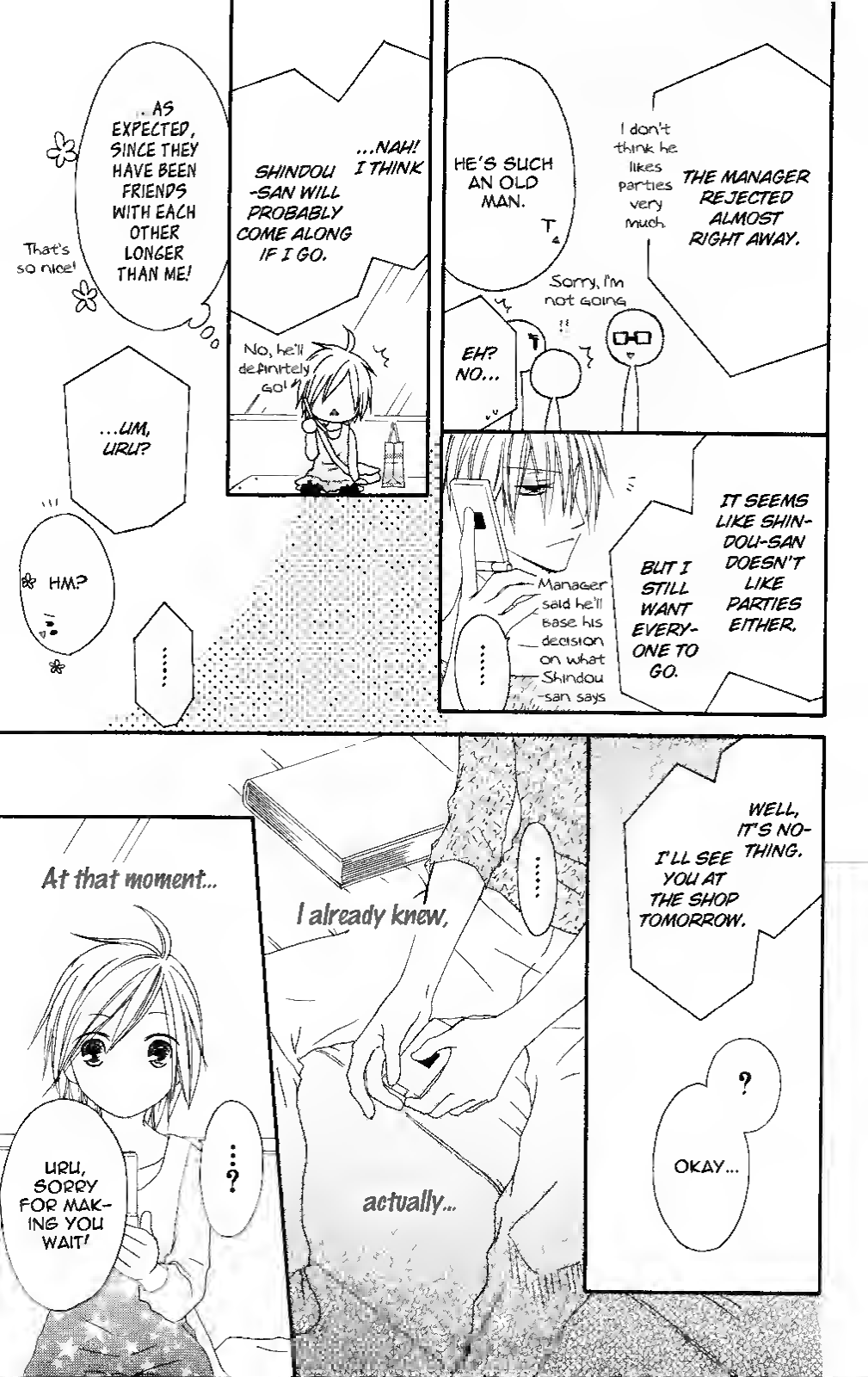

YEAH! ALSO!
DID YOU COME ASK ME TO PLAY?
WHY ARE YOU HERE, MITSUKA -CHAN?

invitation
DO YOU WANT TO...
COME WITH ME TO A PARTY?

SHIAWASE KISSA SANCHOUME

CHAPTER 81

OH, I SEE.
REMEMBER THE MAGAZINE THAT INTERVIEWED OUR SHOP? THEY ARE HAVING A PARTY AND MITSUKA-CHAN JUST BROUGHT INVITATIONS FOR US.
...OH?
A PARTY?
YEAH!
IT'S THIS SATURDAY!
I'M OUT SHOPPING WITH MITSUKA-CHAN RIGHT NOW.
OH, REALLY?
TELL THE TRUTH
SERIOUSLY?!
IF YOU'RE GOING THEN I'M GOING
ICHIROU-KUN... I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WANTED TO COME.

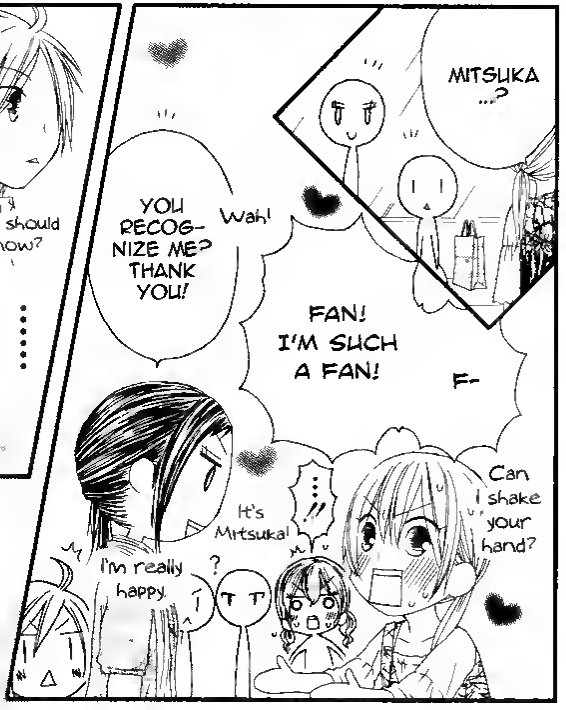

...AS EXPECTED, SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN FRIENDS WITH EACH OTHER LONGER THAN ME!
That's so nice!
...NAH! I THINK SHINDOU -SAN WILL PROBABLY COME ALONG IF I GO.
No, he'll definitely go!
HE'S SUCH AN OLD MAN.
I don't think he likes parties very much.
THE MANAGER REJECTED ALMOST RIGHT AWAY.
Sorry, I'm not going
EH? NO...
...UM, URU?
HM?
...
Manager said he'll base his decision on what Shindou -san says
BUT I STILL WANT EVERY-ONE TO GO.
IT SEEMS LIKE SHIN-DOU-SAN DOESN'T LIKE PARTIES EITHER.
At that moment...
I already knew,
actually...
URU, SORRY FOR MAK-ING YOU WAIT!
...?
I'LL SEE YOU AT THE SHOP TOMORROW.
WELL, IT'S NO-THING.
OKAY...
?

MITSUKA-CHAN!
SO?
ARE THE GUYS COMING?
YEAH!
NOT SURE ABOUT SHINDOU-SAN YET.
...HUH? DIDN'T YOU GO INTO THAT STORE TO BUY SHOES?
Yeah...
BUT I CHANGED MY MIND.
BECAUSE TODAY I WANT TO BUY SOMETHING FOR YOU TO WEAR AT THE PARTY, URU! THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I WANT YOU TO TRY! THIS IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY!
EH?!
?
YOU'RE SO STUBBORN, URU.
...EH? THAT...
You even chose them for me!
You don't have to! What we bought earlier is more than enough!
BUT YOU PAID FOR ALL THOSE YOURSELF, RIGHT?
I CALLED YOU OUT TODAY, SO I SHOULD BUY YOU SOMETHING!
No! No!
NO! YOU CAN'T!
You definitely can not!
DOESN'T THAT BOY LOOK JUST LIKE YOU?
AH!

ARE YOU OUT SHOP-PING?
WE'RE BUYING THINGS WE NEED FOR OUR HOME-WORK.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, URU-NEE?
YEAH! SHOP-PING!
MITSUKA-CHAN! THIS IS MY COUSIN, AND THESE ARE HIS FRIENDS!

...I don't think I told Kenshi-kun about Hagiwara-san.

They only saw each other at the shop once.



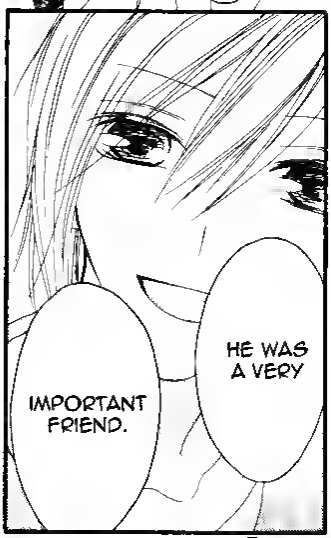
...KENSHI.
TELL GRANOPA AND THE OTHERS
THAT I WILL GO AND VISIT THEM SOON WHEN I HAVE THE TIME.
...ALRIGHT.
I WILL!
WELL, WE HAVE TO GO NOW.
SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
HEY, KENSHI!
DON'T YOU THINK URU NEE-SAN HAS GOTTEN PRETTIER?
EGGPLANT

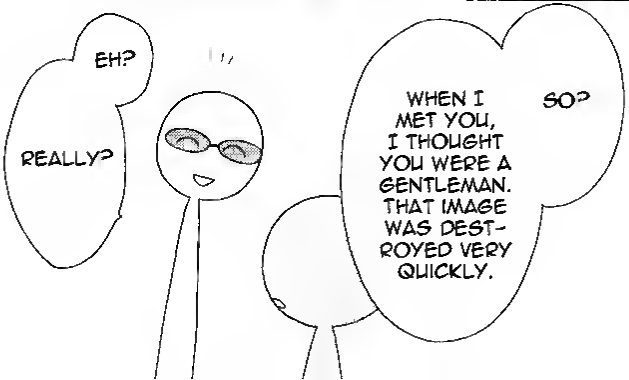
YOU HAVE TO
HURRY AND GROW UP
SHUT IT.
THEN, WE'RE LEAVING NOW.
GOOD-BYE!
Why are you saying it out loud!?
Are you worried?
!
DASH!
CHIYO
Um.!
I...
I DEFINITELY WON'T LOSE TO YOU!

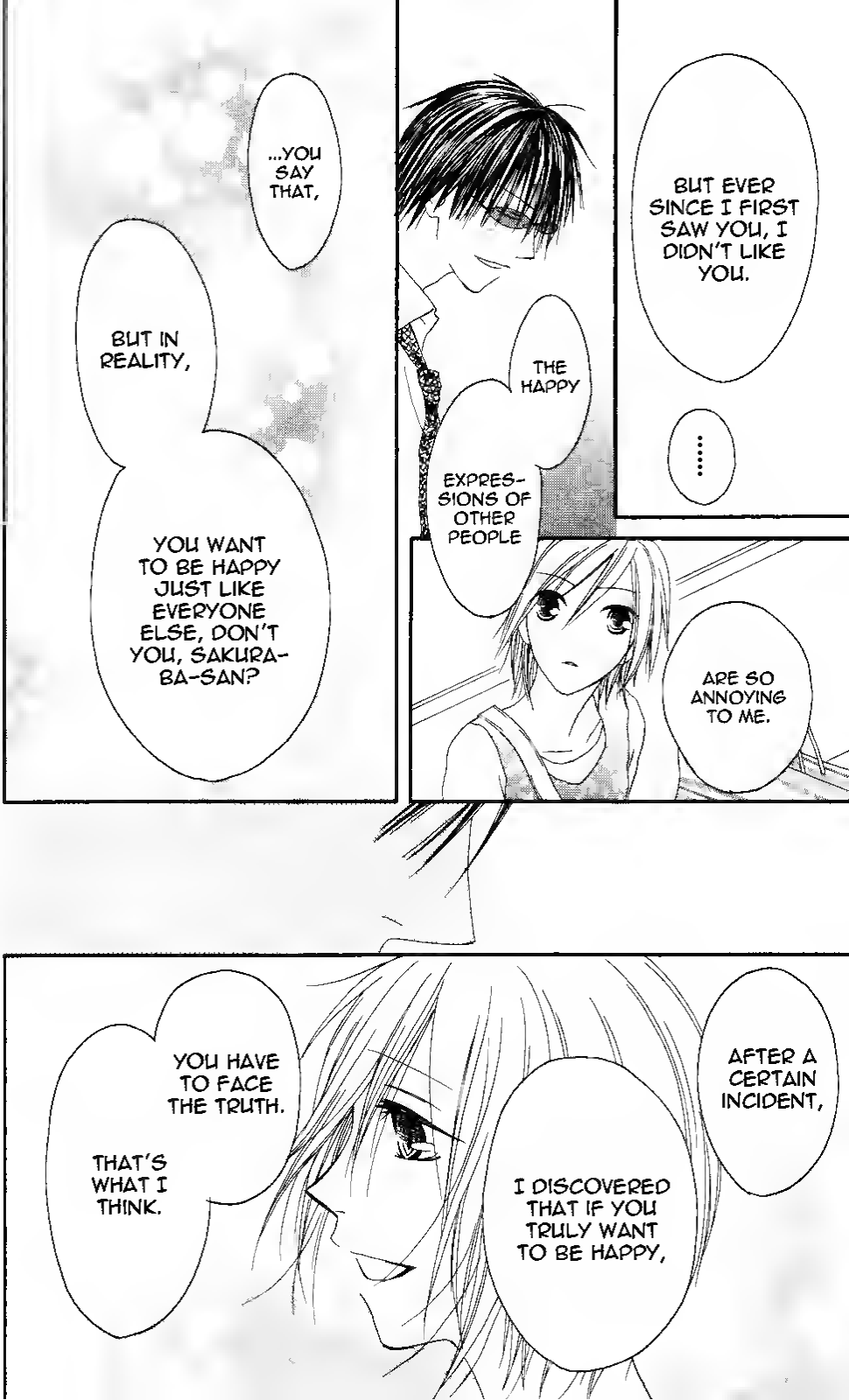
So it's like that. That girl...
Love...?
So she likes Kenshi, huh?
I'M HIS COUSIN, SO OF COURSE WE'RE CLOSE~
OH?
H-HUH?
THAT GIRL...
JUST NOW...?
AH, IT'S NICE TO BE YOUNG.
OKAY!
OH!
Wait for me
AH!
URU, I'M GOING TO THE WASH-ROOM FOR A BIT.
Sa-
Sakuraba -san!?
...WHAT? YOU LOOK ENERGETIC.
HOW BORING.
URU, DIDN'T THINK I'D SEE YOU HERE.

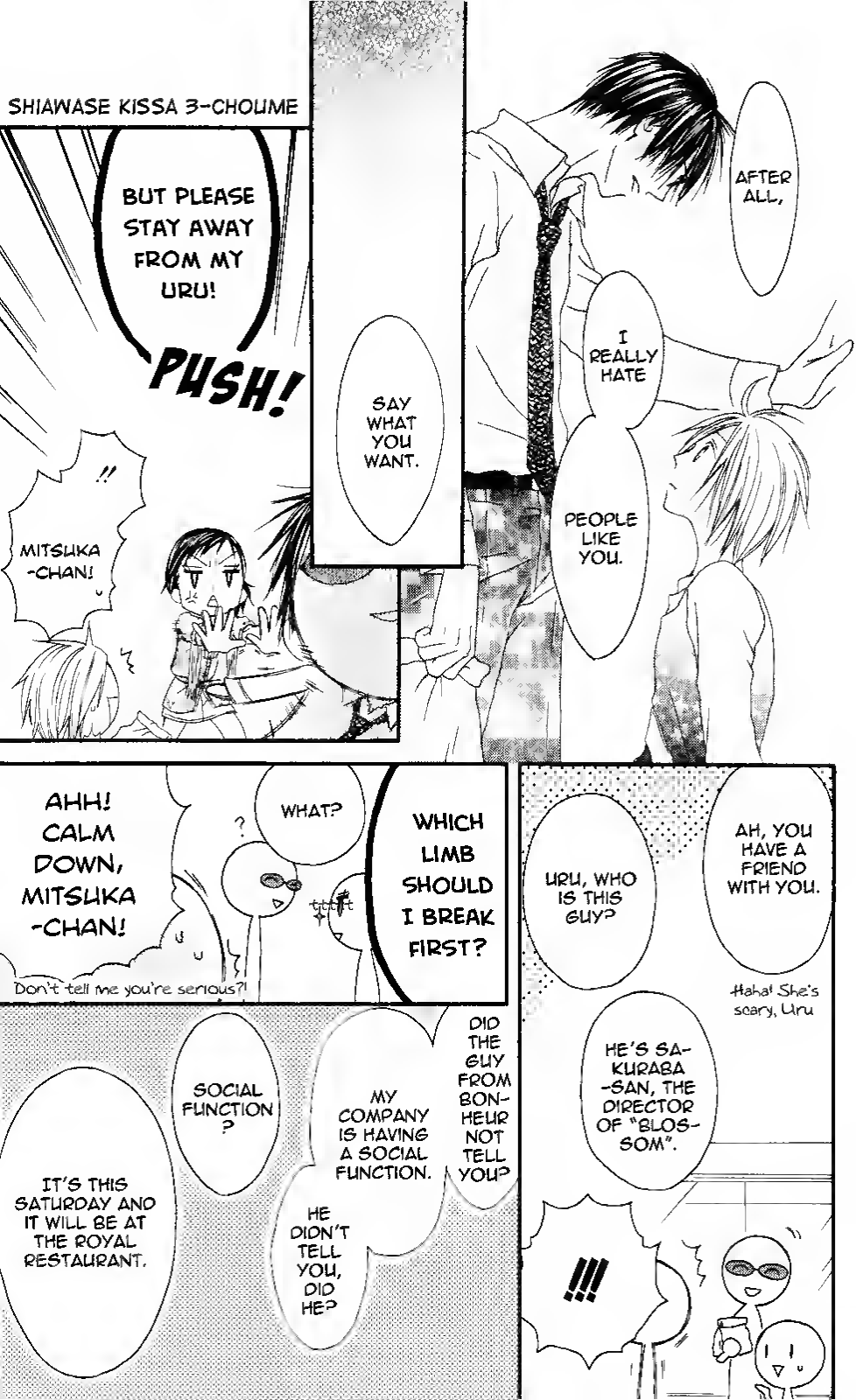
I SAW YOU WITH A DEPRESSED LOOKING REDHEAD,
!
SO I THOUGHT THERE'D BE SOMETHING INTERESTING TO WATCH.
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BORING ...?
BORING...?
?
A WHILE AGO

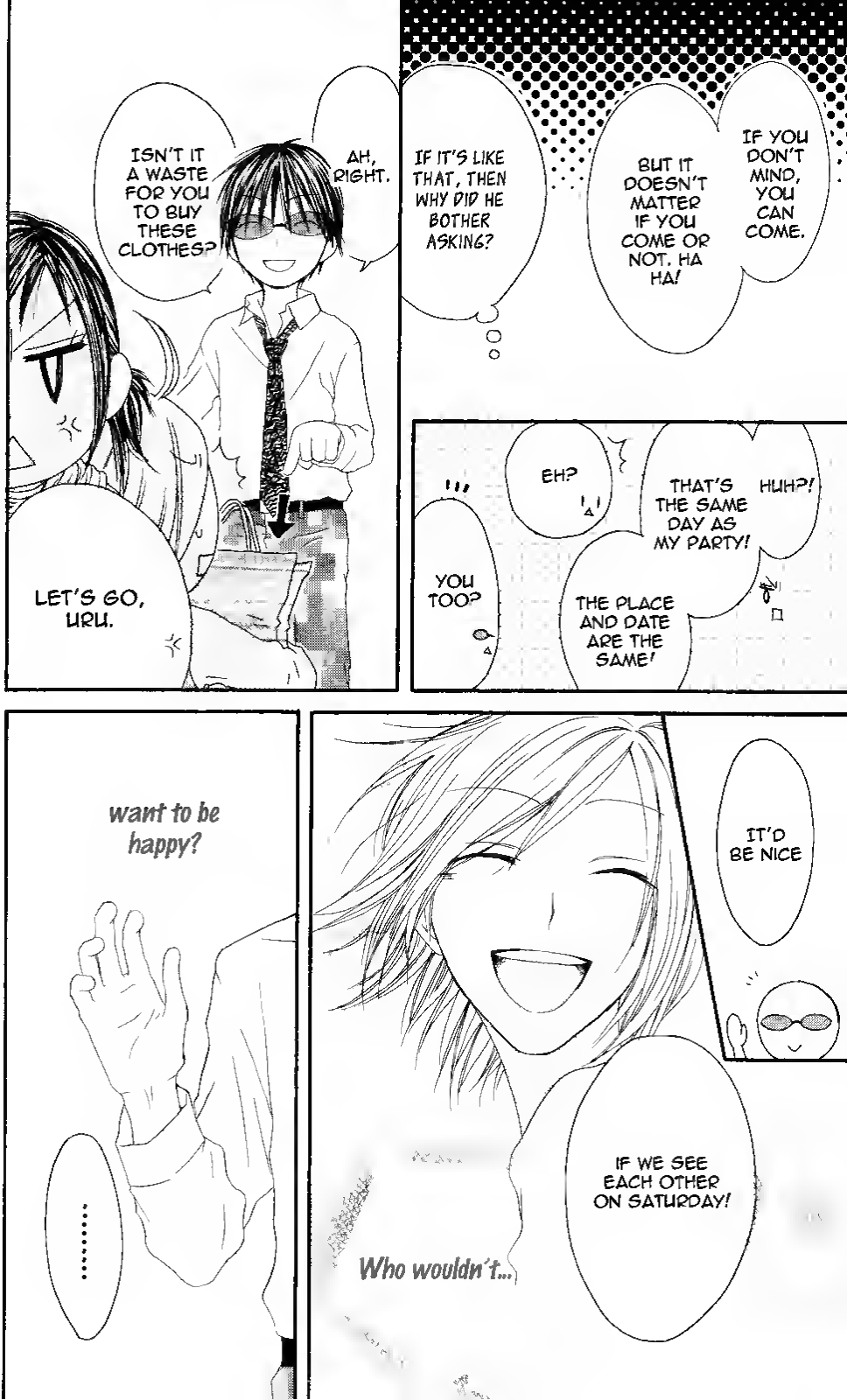
IS THAT SO?
DIDN'T SEEM LIKE IT.


HE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT FRIEND.


EH?
REALLY?
SO?
WHEN I MET YOU, I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GENTLEMAN. THAT IMAGE WAS DESTROYED VERY QUICKLY.


BUT EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU, I DIDN'T LIKE YOU.
.....
THE HAPPY EXPRESSIONS OF OTHER PEOPLE
ARE SO ANNOYING TO ME.
...YOU SAY THAT,
BUT IN REALITY,
YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, DON'T YOU, SAKURABA-SAN?
AFTER A CERTAIN INCIDENT,
I DISCOVERED THAT IF YOU TRULY WANT TO BE HAPPY,
YOU HAVE TO FACE THE TRUTH.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK.


BUT PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM MY URU!
PUSH!
!!
MITSUKA -CHAN!
SAY WHAT YOU WANT.
AFTER ALL,
I REALLY HATE
PEOPLE LIKE YOU.
AHH! CALM DOWN, MITSUKA -CHAN!
WHAT?
Don't tell me you're serious?!
WHICH LIMB SHOULD I BREAK FIRST?
URU, WHO IS THIS GUY?
AH, YOU HAVE A FRIEND WITH YOU.
Haha! She's scary, Uru
HE'S SA-KURABA -SAN, THE DIRECTOR OF "BLOS-SOM".
!!!
DID THE GUY FROM BON-HEUR NOT TELL YOU?
MY COMPANY IS HAVING A SOCIAL FUNCTION.
HE DIDN'T TELL YOU, DID HE?
SOCIAL FUNCTION ?
IT'S THIS SATURDAY AND IT WILL BE AT THE ROYAL RESTAURANT.


AH, RIGHT.
ISN'T IT A WASTE FOR YOU TO BUY THESE CLOTHES?
LET'S GO, URU.
IF IT'S LIKE THAT, THEN WHY DID HE BOTHER ASKING?
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU COME OR NOT. HA HA!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, YOU CAN COME.
!!!
EH?
!!
HUH?!
THAT'S THE SAME DAY AS MY PARTY!
YOU TOO?
THE PLACE AND DATE ARE THE SAME!
want to be happy?
.....
Who wouldn't...
IF WE SEE EACH OTHER ON SATURDAY!
IT'D BE NICE

SO,
THE ONES GOING TO THE PARTY
ARE THE THREE OF YOU?
YES!
I don't think there's anyone
who doesn't want happiness.
"It's so beautiful,"
"it's wasted on you."
THEN YOU THREE HAVE FUN FOR ME!
Have fun on my behalf too!
TSUYUKI -SAN, YOU AREN'T COMING?
I HAVE TO WORK THAT DAY
I JUST KNEW THAT YOU WOULDN'T GO, EVEN IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT.
I JUST NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU'D GO, SHINDOU -SAN!
You don't seem like the type!
.....

HEHE ...!
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE PARTY!
...you don't want to go after all?
YEAH!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF.
SHUT UP!
ズゴー
OKAY ~~
IF ICHIROU IS GOING, I'M GOING!
IF IT'S NOT ONE OF THOSE BORING BUSINESS PARTIES, THEN IT SHOULD BE FUN.
YOU GET FREE FOOD AND DRINK!
.....
...?
YEAH.
TURNS AWAY
.....
I wonder if
Satsuki and Uru will be able to get closer this time?
MANAGER, WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
NOTHING.
ピーン
トホホ...

I don't know why.

But Shindou-san's behaviour towards me...

DON'T SHOW SUCH A TIRED EXPRESSION.
I'm getting tired too because of you!
THEY AREN'T HERE YET?
GIRLS TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO GET READY.
BUT THEY JUST LEFT THE PRINCESS' HOUSE,
SO THEY WILL BE HERE SOON.
.....
.....

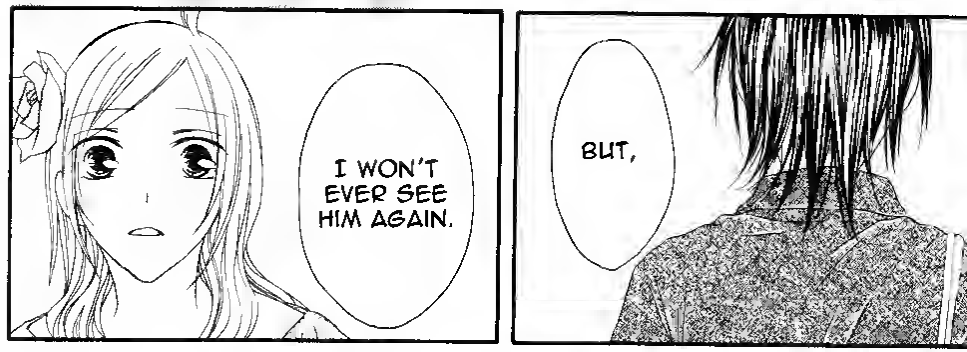
I WANT TO GO HOME...
.....
NO! I CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE WITH ICHIROU ...
Just what exactly am I doing here?!
..EVEN THOUGH I'VE REALIZED MY FEELINGS,
I CAN'T SEEM TO MANAGE THEM PROPERLY!
GLOOMY
AH! URU! THEY'RE OVER THERE!
THE DEVIL AND THE PERVERT!
Lately I don't know how to interact with her,
so I just avoid her all the time.

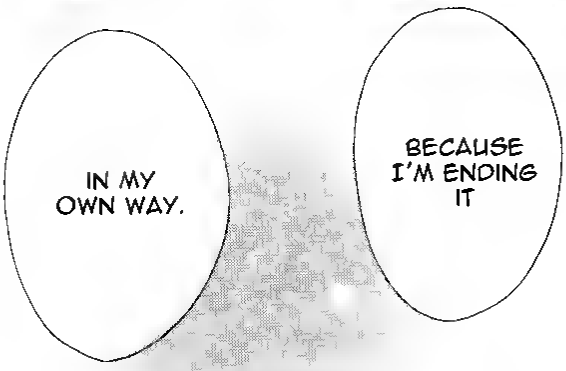
SO THIS IS WHAT A DISGUISE IS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE!
WHAT'S THIS?
MI.. MITSUKA -CHAN! MY LEGS ARE COLD! I'M NOT USED TO THIS!
It's been "a while" since I've worn a dress!
IT'S FINE!
You're wearing shorts underneath, right?
UH OH.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP TONIGHT.
WHAT?
Compliment Uru properly!
I'm saying Uru looks really cute.
IS... IS IT WEIRD?!
NO!
S...
SORRY WE'RE LATE!

I'M... I'M SORRY!
RUNS AWAY!
DIS-GUISE?!
Uru, don't take it to heart!
WELL, I NEED TO GO SAY HELLO TO EVERYONE. I WILL COME BACK FOR URU LATER.
Some friends of mine are here.
I LEAVE URU TO YOU BE-FORE I COME BACK.
AND YOU! HURRY UP AND SCRAM!
You manner-less sun-glasses man!
EH? OH YEAH. WHY ARE YOU HERE SAKURABA -SAN?
I told you guys the last time I came to your shop.
MY COMPANY IS HAVING A SOCIAL FUNCTION IN THE OTHER HALL.
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP.
THAT'S RIGHT.

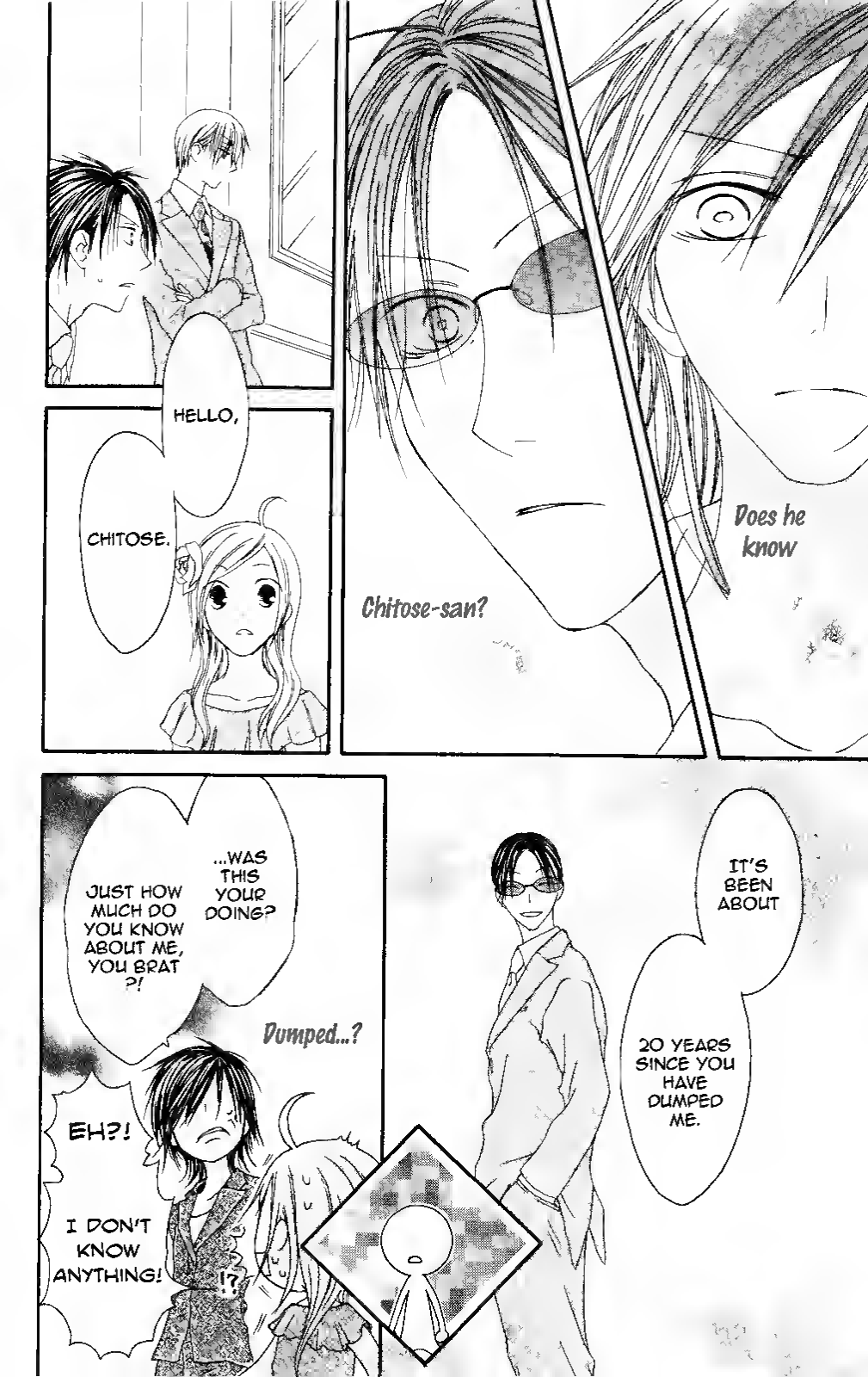
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU.
...AH~
MY REACTION JUST NOW WAS A LITTLE TOO EXTREME.
CHI-
CHITOSE -SAN?!
!?
!? .....
WH-
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
I'M...
AT A PUBLISHER'S PARTY.
...ME TOO!
.....!
IT WAS THAT JERK AMANO WHO TOLD ME TO COME.
I'M PLANNING ON LEAVING NOW.
BYE.
UM... WAIT!

IN THE LOBBY
SHINDOU -SAN IS HERE!
...IT'S FINE.
WE MET UP A WHILE AGO,
AND HAD A LITTLE TALK.


I WON'T EVER SEE HIM AGAIN.
BUT,


IN MY OWN WAY.
BECAUSE I'M ENDING IT

...Eh?
SHINDOU CHITOSE?
HE'S EVEN WORSE.
I'm scared of that kid
AH, ICHIROU -KUN IS HERE TOO!
Why is Sakuraba -san...?
rest room
IS YOUR MOTHER...
.....?


HELLO,
CHITOSE.
Chitose-san?
Does he know
IT'S BEEN ABOUT
20 YEARS SINCE YOU HAVE DUMPED ME.
...WAS THIS YOUR DOING?
JUST HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME, YOU BRAT?!
Dumped...?
EH?!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
!?

*MIKAZUKI = CRESCENT MOON, MADE UP OF CHARACTERS 三日月

GEEZ!
ONE SURPRISE AFTER ANOTHER,
WHAT IS THIS?
THE TWO OF YOU,
SORT IT OUT PROPERLY!
"Your name is too beautiful."
"It's wasted on you."
THE DIRECTOR'S NAME IS SAKURABA
....Ah!
Using Kanji...!
If you separate the different parts of "Sakuraba",
it becomes "Mikazuki!"

AFTER YOU'VE TALKED,
LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DECIDED.
!
THEN WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW.
SHALL WE...
HAVE A TALK?
YEAH
.....
URU?

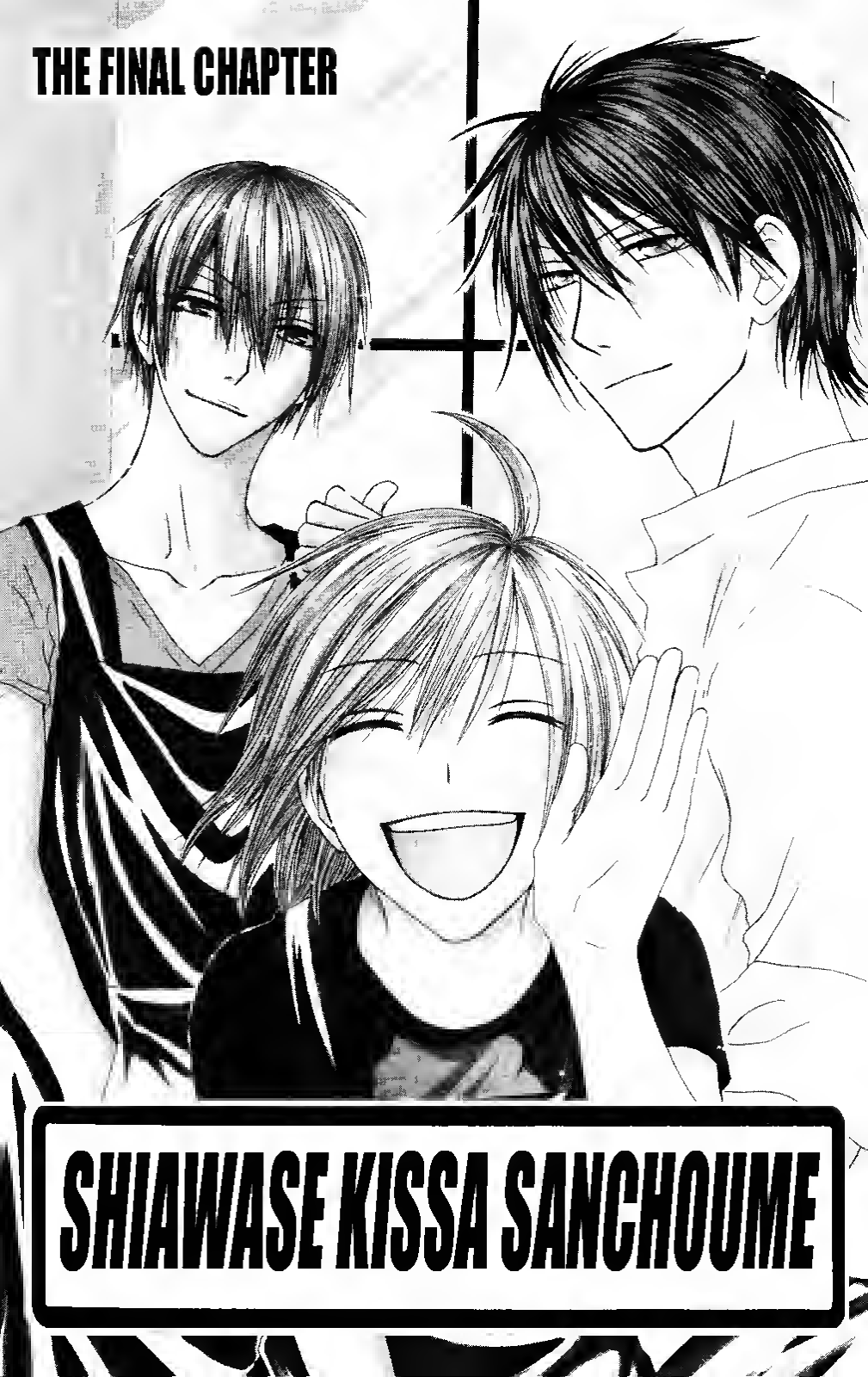
TO BE HONEST,
I DON'T MIND AT ALL.
.....
The food is delicious
YOU'RE NOT EATING?
AH?
YEAH...
"I'm sorry, could you..."
"leave me alone for a bit?"
WHY DON'T YOU
GO AND CHECK ON HIM?

WHEN DID I START
TO LOVE HER SO MUCH?
At that time,
I wasn't able to give her any comforting words...
I knew it all along.
AH...
I...
...ARE YOU THIRSTY?
I brought some drinks over!
IT'S ALRIGHT, I'M NOT THIRSTY.
!!
SHIN...
SHINDOU -SAN!

EVEN FOR ADULTS,
THERE ARE THINGS THAT CAN'T BE EASILY SOLVED,
I GUESS.
R-REALLY...?
GIVE IT HERE.
YOU'RE SO EASY TO READ.
.....
AH, RIGHT.

.....
COME TO THINK OF IT,
I STILL HAVEN'T SAID IT YET, HAVE I?
HUH?
YOU LOOK NICE TODAY.
YOUR CLOTHES,
AND THE HAIRSTYLE.
Should I tell her?
I'm hesitant to.

But...
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
W-WHAT IS IT?!
I...
IN A WHILE,
I WILL BE GOING TO STUDY IN FRANCE.
We can't...
continue like this.


THE FINAL CHAPTER
SHIAWASE KISSA SANCHOUME

We talked.

The four of us ate delicious food.

We went with Mitsuka-chan and Ichirou-kun...

We laughed.

Thank You!

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I did that, but...
It feels like there is a hole in my heart...
GOING TO FRANCE?!
YOU ARE, URUPPE ?!
NO WAY!
SOME-ONE I WORK WITH.
AH~ THAT SCARED ME!
IF...
HE COULD BECOME A PATISSIERE,
.....

HE'D BE REALLY HAPPY BECAUSE IT'S HIS DREAM.
YEAH ...
.....
IS IT THE SAME FOR YOU TOO, TSUCHIDA-KUN?
I'M A LITTLE CURIOUS.
Since you like baking cakes too
THAT ...
FOR SURE!
IT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP IN BECOMING A PATISSIERE!
AND BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE GOING WOULD KILL YOU-
BE QUIET, YOU FOOL.
BUT URU,
YOU'LL BE QUITE LONELY, WON'T YOU?
!
...I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING.
.....
On Sunday at work, I also....

I ended up forcing another smile.
IS THAT SO?
BUT URUPPE,
PRETENDING TO BE COOL AND BEING A GOOD WOMAN
ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS!
CLASS VICE PRES, YOU'RE SO COOL...!
WHY ARE YOU SAYING SUCH WEIRD THINGS ...?
Ouch
THAT HURTS ...
BUT I'M STILL MORE MATURE THAN YOU, ICHI.
YOUR BIRTHDAY IS AFTER MINE!
RUB RUB
Wah!
CHEER UP!
OKAY?

.....
YOU'RE LEAVING SOON?
ISN'T THIS TOO RUSHED ?!
I ALREADY CALLED THEM TO CONFIRM EVERY-THING YESTER-DAY.
WHAT?!
DID YOU..
TELL URU YET, AT THE PARTY ...?
.....
YEAH.
"That's so sudden!"
"Really?!"
"It gave me quite a shock!"
"That's great, Shindou -san!"
"You're really amazing! As expected of you!"
THIS WHOLE THING...
WAS ALREADY DECIDED.
.....

After he came back from the party, Satsuki had been acting strange.
IT'S NOTHING.
Even though he said that...
I can tell something happened...!
AH,
DID YOU SEE URU'S OUTFIT YESTERDAY, MANAGER?
!
If he continues like this, he won't have any progression with Uru-chan!
Ah~ Yeah! Uru-chan was so cute! ♡
So pretty!
YEAH.
...WHEN DID HE SEE IT?
RING
GOOD MORNING!
!
SORRY I'M LATE, EVERYONE!
IT'S FINE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
SMILES!
GOOD WORK, SHINOOU-SAN!

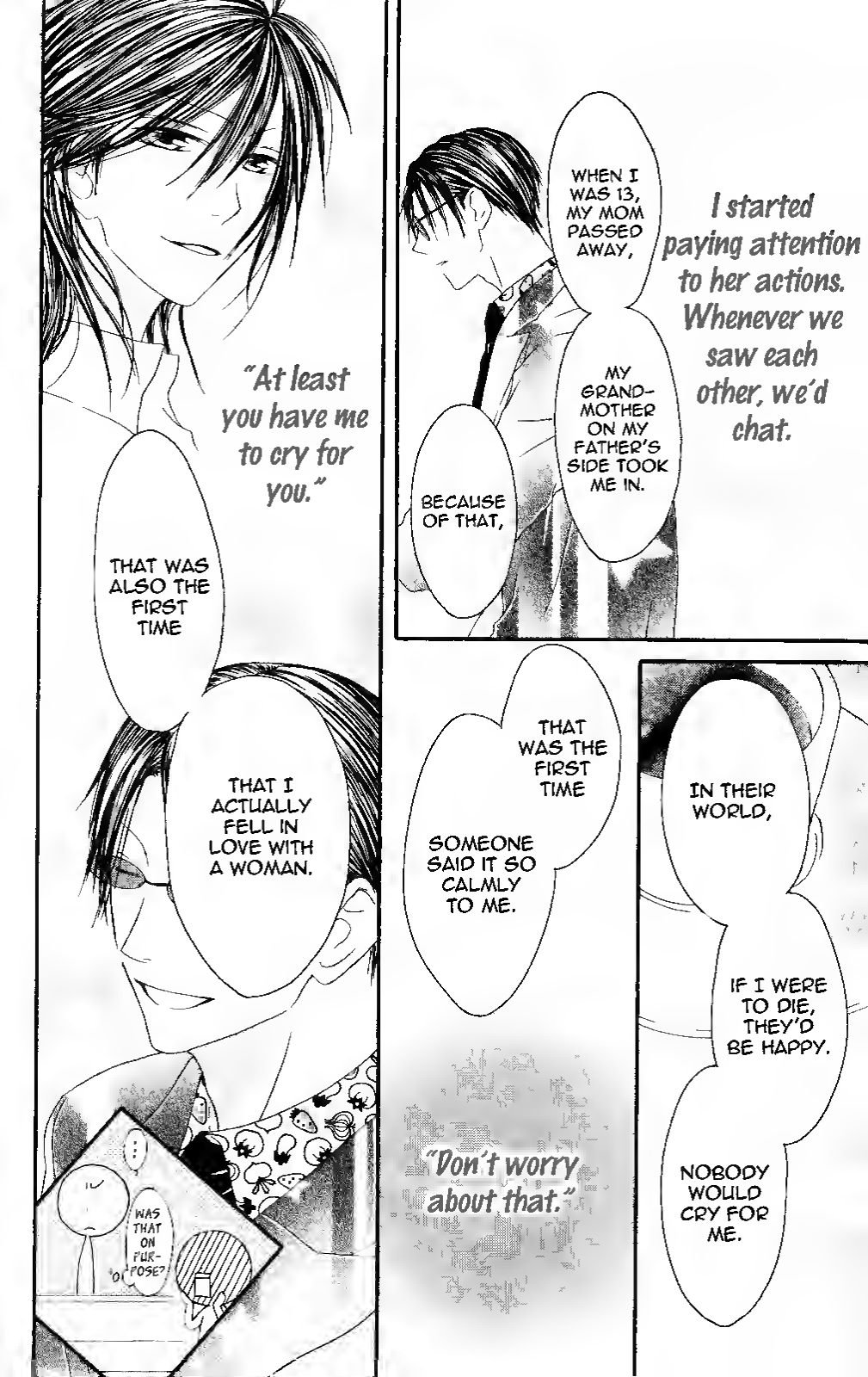
ENJOY THEM, EVERY-ONE.
...Sa-
HERE! TAKE THIS!
SOME CAKES FROM OUR STORE!
...HUH?
RING
YES, GOOD WORK EVERY-ONE!
SAKURABA -SAN!? YOU SCARED US!
HELLO! MANAGER, HOW ARE YOU?
MAN-AGER, WANT TO GO TO THE STORE WITH ME?
HUH?!
I'M CRAVING SOME CANDY.
DIDN'T YOU SAY WE NEED AIR FRESH-ENER FOR THE BATH-ROOM?
EH? YEAH, BUT... NOW?
YES, NOW.

Ichirou-kun is purposely letting these two be alone, right?
RING
AH!
THEN I'M GOING TO-
NO NEED.
...IT'S OKAY.
YOU CAN STAY HERE.
The counter is empty
...HAVE A SEAT.
AH, YES.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
.....
!?
COFFEE PLEASE.
RIGHT AWAY.
SHINDOU -SAN IS SO FOCUSSED..
MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?
WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT...
.....

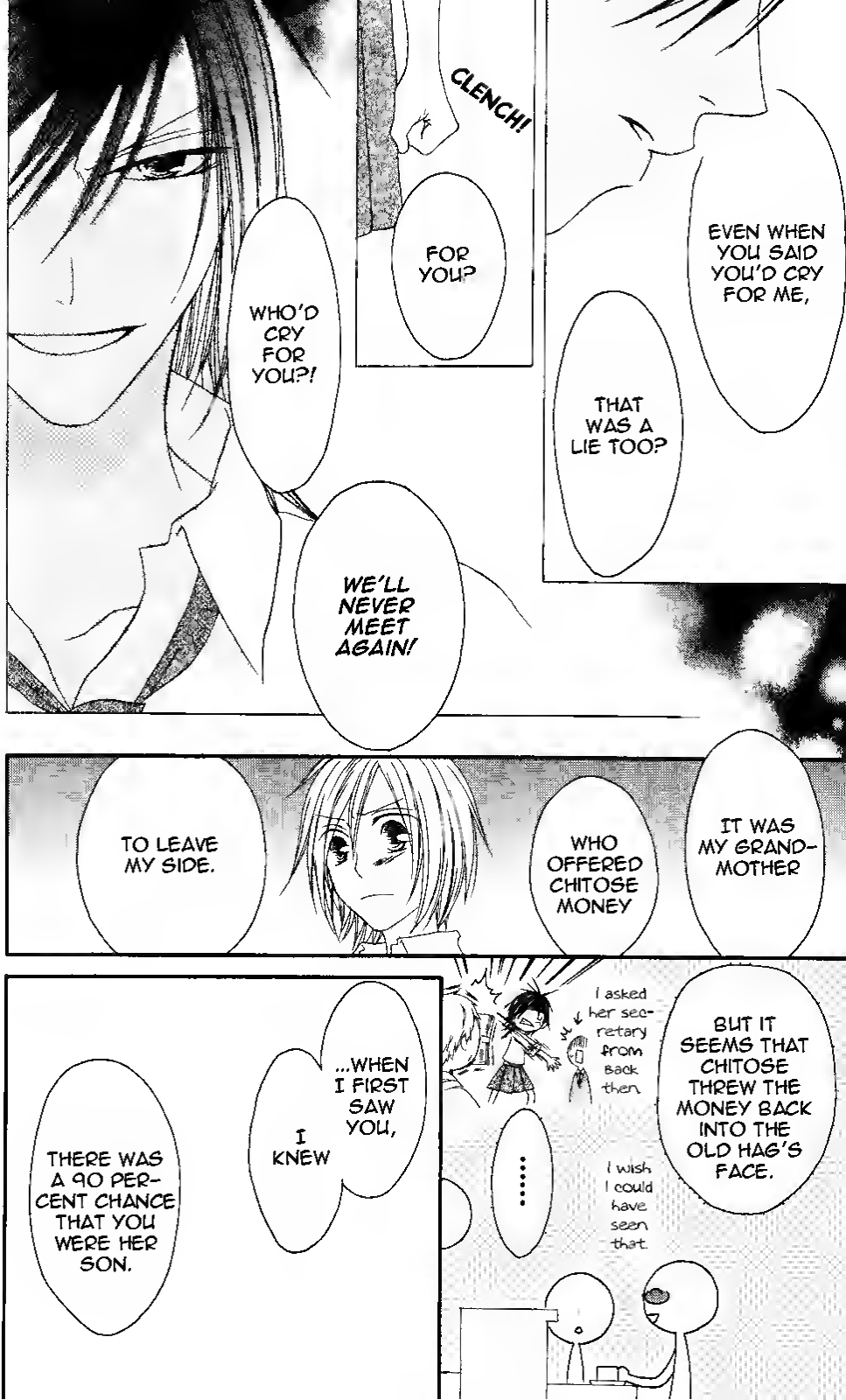
SHE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE...
IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME... NO,
I FORCED HER INTO SUCH A SITUATION.
YOUR MOTHER FILLED ME IN.
SHE EVEN TOLD ME THE REASON WHY SHE LEFT YOU.
I EVEN THOUGHT SHE HAD BETRAYED ME.
I WAS SUCH AN IDIOT.
WHEN WE BROKE UP, I WAS TOO CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN PAIN,
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE WAS CARRYING MY CHILD.
...WE MET
WHEN WE WERE 18 YEARS OLD.

When I met Chitose, your mother...
.....
.....
IT'S BEEN HARD ON YOU. GOOD WORK.
IF I'M NOT WRONG,
YOU'RE THE FUTURE DIRECTOR HERE, RIGHT?
.....
!
YES I AM.
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
What? Is this woman going to
be just like the old hag and call me a useless brat?
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN, YOU BASTARD?
LISTEN WELL! GO AND TELL YOUR EMPLOYEES
THAT MY JOB IS TO CLEAN THE LOBBY. I AM NOT THEIR PERSONAL MAIDS!
THE NEXT TIME THEY LOOK DOWN ON ME AND GIVE ME ORDERS, I'M GOING TO THROW THEM OUT LIKE TRASH!

FOR ME, THAT'S EVEN BETTER.
GO RIGHT AHEAD, THROW THEM OUT LIKE TRASH.
...
?
...I ALWAYS THOUGHT PEOPLE OF HIGH STATUS WEREN'T GOOD AT ALL.
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO SAID THAT.
YOU SAID "GOOD WORK",
INSTEAD OF SAYING "WORK HARDER,"
SO FAR, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SAID THAT.
...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, I'M A GOOD GUY!
How can you say that?!
Your heart seems very dark.
YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE A GOOD PERSON EITHER.
...BUT
IF YOU KEEP SMILING LIKE THAT,
PEOPLE WON'T TAKE YOU SERI-OUSLY.
Ever since that time...

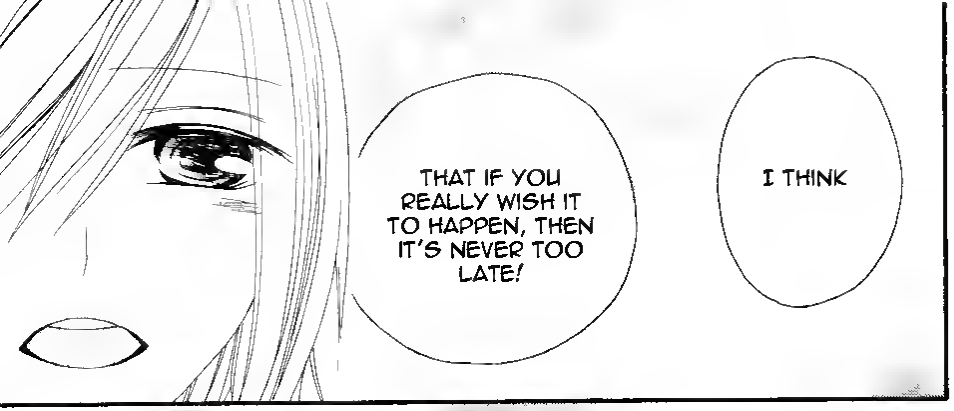

WHEN I WAS 13, MY MOM PASSED AWAY,
MY GRAND-MOTHER ON MY FATHER'S SIDE TOOK ME IN.
BECAUSE OF THAT,
I started paying attention to her actions. Whenever we saw each other, we'd chat.
IN THEIR WORLD,
IF I WERE TO DIE, THEY'D BE HAPPY.
NOBODY WOULD CRY FOR ME.
"Don't worry about that."
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME
SOMEONE SAID IT SO CALMLY TO ME.
"At least you have me to cry for you."
THAT WAS ALSO THE FIRST TIME
THAT I ACTUALLY FELL IN LOVE WITH A WOMAN.
WAS THAT ON PUR-POSE?

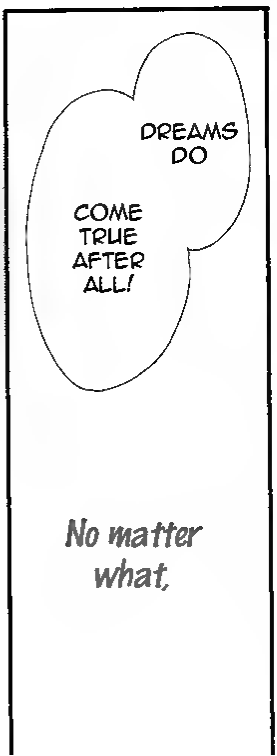
What?
Eh?
You want to be a writer?
Amazing!
!!
picture book
IN ORDER TO BE INDEPENDENT, SHE TOOK ON MANY JOBS TO EARN MONEY.
SHE WORKED REALLY HARD TO BECOME A WRITER,
I REALLY RESPECTED HER FOR THAT.
DON'T LET HER DECEIVE YOU, SHE USED TO HATE PEOPLE WHO SMOKED.
BUT
SHE WAS STUBBORN AND CAUSED ME A LOT OF SUFFERING...
Don't just look at my things without my permission!
YOU'RE NOT COMING BACK?
But...
LYING, RIGHT?
YOU'RE ...
EVERYTHING I SAID TO YOU WERE LIES.
YEAH.
YEAH...
I QUIT BECAUSE THEY FOUND OUT I'M WITH YOU FOR YOUR MONEY.


CLENCH!
FOR YOU?
WHO'D CRY FOR YOU?!
WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN!
EVEN WHEN YOU SAID YOU'D CRY FOR ME,
THAT WAS A LIE TOO?
TO LEAVE MY SIDE.
WHO OFFERED CHITOSE MONEY
IT WAS MY GRAND-MOTHER
I asked her secretary from back then
BUT IT SEEMS THAT CHITOSE THREW THE MONEY BACK INTO THE OLD HAG'S FACE.
.....
I wish I could have seen that
...WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU,
I KNEW
THERE WAS A 90 PERCENT CHANCE THAT YOU WERE HER SON.

I DIDN'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT HER
BEING HAPPY WITH SOME OTHER MAN.
BUT...
It's better if she's absolutely miserable.
I... hated her so much. Didn't I?
...BUT,
I STILL WANT TO
REPAIR OUR RELATIONSHIP.
THAT'S HOW I FEEL.
Sakuraba-san...
EVEN THOUGH I'M YOUR FATHER,
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M ABLE TO DO FOR YOU.
I'VE SAID ALL I'VE WANTED TO,
GOODBYE.
Don't tell me you're trying to make up for it all...
...YEAH,
THAT IS FOR THE BEST.
Are you...?
...

...SHE'S BECOME A BIT MORE COMPLI-CATED
On Saturday after we talked, she just went straight home.
THAT WHEN WE FIRST MET.
!
YOU ARE RE-GRET-TING
IT ALL NOW, RIGHT?
..THAT'S WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY. BUT...'
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BE-COME
THAT PERSON'S SUPPORT?
DON'T WORRY!
CHITOSE -SAN TOLD ME ALREADY!
SHINDOU -SAN'S FATHER
IS THE FIRST AND ONLY MAN
THAT SHE WILL EVER LOVE.





you shouldn't regret it after you've taken that first step.

If I try to stop him,
If I tell him not to go,
I think I would definitely end up regretting it.
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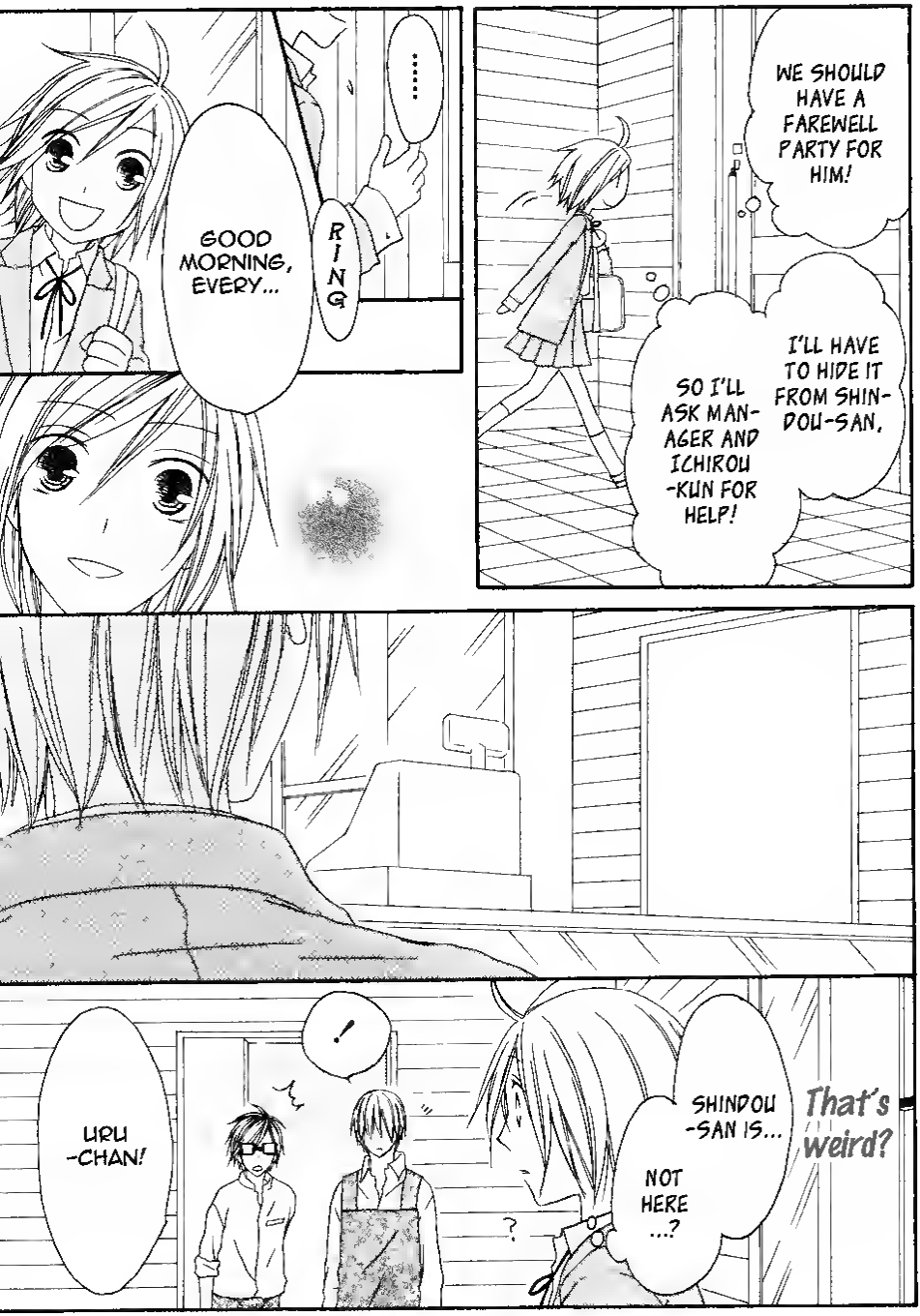
DO WELL WHILE STUDYING ABROAD!
...OKAY.
AND YOU NEED TO TELL ME BEFORE YOU LEAVE, OKAY?


.....
GOOD MORNING, EVERY...
RING
WE SHOULD HAVE A FAREWELL PARTY FOR HIM!
I'LL HAVE TO HIDE IT FROM SHINDOU-SAN,
SO I'LL ASK MANAGER AND ICHIROU-KUN FOR HELP!
!
URU-CHAN!
SHINDOU-SAN IS... NOT HERE ...?
?
That's weird?

ICHIROU -KUN! MANAGER! IS SHINDOU -SAN TAKING HIS BREAK?
SO HE DIDN'T TELL YOU AFTER ALL...
THAT HE'S LEAVING TODAY..
...Huh?
....URU,
SHINDOU -SAN JUST LEFT FOR THE BUS STATION.
HE WAS HERE.
SO HE STAYED UNTIL I GOT HERE.
...HE WAS AFRAID THAT THE SHOP WOULD BE BUSY,
BUT...
HE SAID THAT HE WOULDN'T BE LEAVING UNTIL ...
No way.
I...
カッ

I LOVE YOU, URU.
BUT RIGHT NOW,
WHO IS
IN YOUR HEART?
WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES,
WHO IS IT THAT
YOU THINK OF?
Before I even realized it,
My mind was full of his presence and existence.

That image of him
won't leave my mind!
His smile...
YOU SEE?
IF YOU DON'T GO AFTER HIM,
I JUST MIGHT FORCE YOU TO BE MY GIRLFRIEND.
...THANK YOU!
THANK YOU, ICHIROU -KUN!
RING

WHY ARE YOU CRYING, MANAGER?
.....
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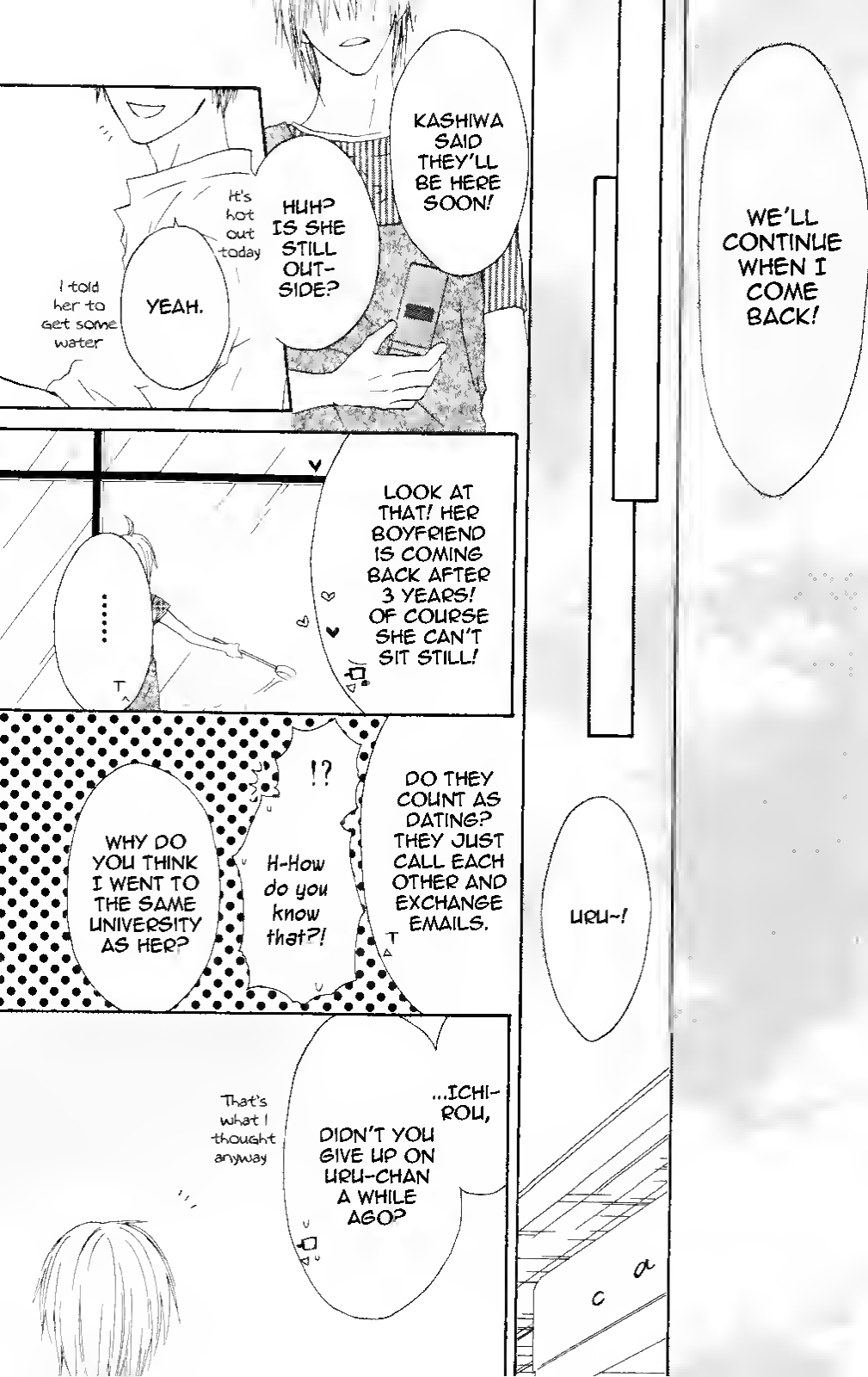
T T
DUH!
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD GUY, ICHIROU!
I AM...
THE TYPE OF PERSON TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING FOR THE GIRL I LOVE.
AH!
THAT HURTS!
!
MOMMY!
GEEZ, WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO?
?
.....
...AM I CRAZY?
I NEED TO HURRY
...
If I continue to stay by her side...
I won't be able to bring myself to leave.
I won't ever want to let her go.
!

OH MY GOD! I'M SO SORRY!
SPRAWLED ACROSS THE GROUND
I WAS IN SUCH A HURRY !!
It's become a murder scene!
I...!
SUDDENLY APPEARS
So, that's why...
KICKS!
SHINDOU -SAN!
I...
.....
I WILL CONTINUE WORKING AT THE SHOP. I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.

Why doesn't she try thinking about what I am feeling right now?
!!
THEN ...
DON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH ANYONE WHILE I'M AWAY,
AND WAIT FOR ME TO COME BACK.
I CAN'T DO THAT.
!!
SHOCKED!
BECAUSE...!
BECAUSE
THE PERSON I LOVE IS...
RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME..
SO I...

...WE'LL STOP HERE.
JUST THE FOREHEAD FOR NOW ....!


WE'LL CONTINUE WHEN I COME BACK!
KASHIWA SAID THEY'LL BE HERE SOON!
HUH? IS SHE STILL OUT-SIDE?
It's hot out today
YEAH.
I told her to get some water
LOOK AT THAT! HER BOYFRIEND IS COMING BACK AFTER 3 YEARS! OF COURSE SHE CAN'T SIT STILL!
URU~!
DO THEY COUNT AS DATING? THEY JUST CALL EACH OTHER AND EXCHANGE EMAILS.
!?
H-How do you know that?!
WHY DO YOU THINK I WENT TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS HER?
...ICHI-ROU,
DIDN'T YOU GIVE UP ON URU-CHAN A WHILE AGO?
That's what I thought anyway

CLANK
ALRIGHT!
THERE ARE SO MANY GUYS COMING TODAY,
AND FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, ONE PARTICULAR GUY HASN'T GIVEN UP ON HER YET EITHER.
.....!!!
WELL, MAYBE ONE DAY URU WILL GET TIRED OF SHIN-DOU-SAN.
BESIDES,
IT'S SO HOT OUT TODAY!
WAH!

I can still remember
the first day I came to the shop.
This is the place
What great memories...
.....

...
HE WAS SO SCARY BACK THEN...
...
"Why are you breaking down our door?!"
where my happiness truly began.
I REMEMBER THAT I BROKE THE DOOR HANDLE.
...In the end,
After that...
"CAN I HELP YOU, LITTLE KID?"
...IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
When you're feeling lonely,

SHIAWASE KISSA SANCHOUME
-THE END-

Bonheur Appendix

The final one.

This is a drawing of Sakuraba and Chitose from 20 years ago.

We're finally at the end Thank you everyone for all your support

Truly, thank you all very much.

Shindou and Uru

They are finally together

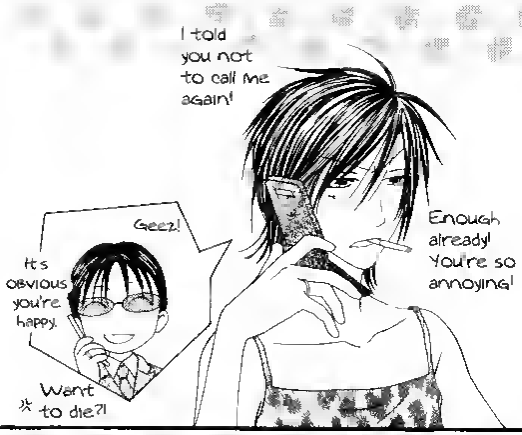
Wah! But even so, their development was rather slow, wasn't it?

Ah! Another thing Shindou -san's morning bad habits and his eye color was inherited from his father

Ichirou-kun, you're awake?
I was hoping for Uru
Ah?
Sorry that
Ichirou and Manager
Ichirou will probably love Uru forever
The Manager will most likely never change

Today a first-year asked me if you have a girlfriend
I don't have one. You know that already!
That's right You're still in a one-sided love (for three years now!)
HAHAHA!!
Sou and Kashiwa
Kashiwa wants to become a chef and is currently in school
Sou is also taking business classes at school
A lot of people are saying that they hope Sou will always have his innocence.
I hope so too

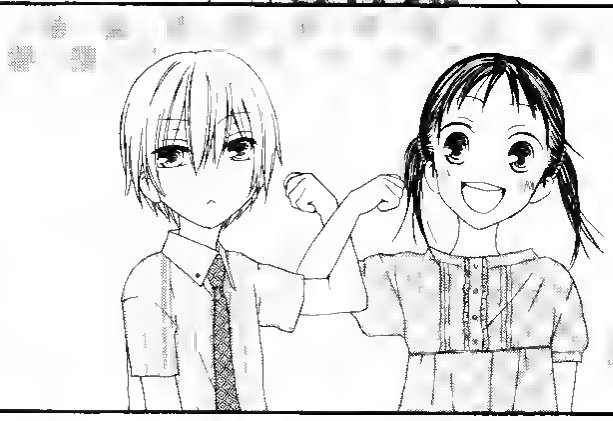
Don't yell at him, or you'll fail again!
I'm going to ask him out on a date!
This guy doesn't learn
I'm gonna go to Bonheur today!
Kenshi and Friends
This side can't lose either!
Will Chiyo's affections reach Kenshi?



Sakuraba and Chitose

Chitose has always been someone who can't express herself well.

Everytime she tells a lie, her eyebrows scrunch together.



Sakura and Jirou

These lively children are now in their third year of elementary school. They will continue to grow up into health and happy people.

They have also become good friends with the Tsuchida twins.

I was able to finish this series due to all of your support.

I am such a blessed and lucky person.

I will continue to work hard in the future.

And so-

Thank you everyone.

See you later.

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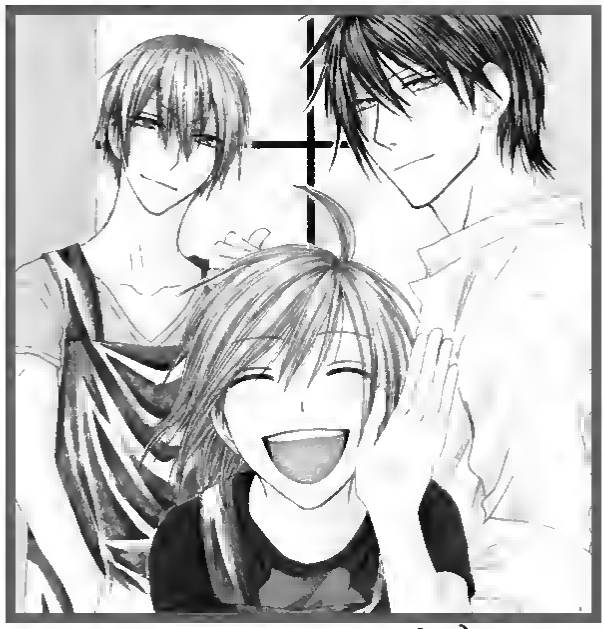

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Until next time, manga-lovers!

Sincerely,
XiaoXue

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The Prince, the Witch, and the Princesses

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